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Rabin: Israel will be generous for peace

By JOSHUA BRILLIANT
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Premier Yitzhak Rabin said yesterday that if Arab countries were ready for peace they would find Israel "more generous than they think."

Mr. Rabin, who was speaking at the close of an emergency assembly of 20 World Wizo federations, said that the Government's policy had gained Israel a year without war as well as $3b. of American military aid. "The relative military strength of Israel vis-à-vis the Arab countries is greater than it was on the eve of the Yom Kippur War."

Reacting to President Sadat's threat to resume fighting unless Israel withdraws, Mr. Rabin said Israel had always lived under threats of Arab hostilities and this "is not going to influence our thinking. I will not give in under the threat of the use of force."

Mr. Rabin said the Israel-Arab dispute could not be decided on the battlefield. The world would not let that happen, but "the people of Israel are not sufficiently aware of it."

Mr. Rabin was particularly angry over an advertisement by "extremists" in a Friday's afternoon paper charging that the government was planning to withdraw from Sinai without compensation.

Mr. Rabin said that President Sadat had made a peace agreement conditional on a total Israeli withdrawal and the granting of the "legitimate rights" of the Palestinian people. "What he considers to be their legitimate rights is, practically, the annihilation and destruction of Israel as a Jewish and independent state. Therefore, what Sadat says is that he is ready to make peace with an Israel that does not exist."

Peres in 'Die Welt' interview

10-year pact with Egypt proposed

By BRIAN ARTHUR
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

BONN. — Defence Minister Shimon Peres yesterday proposed a ten-year agreement with Egypt as a preliminary move towards final peace, a West German newspaper reported.

Mr. Peres was quoted in an interview with "Die Welt" as saying that under such an arrangement he would support a "generous" Israeli attitude towards giving back occupied territories to Egypt.

But he said Cairo was not now ready for such an agreement and Israel could thus return "only small areas."

Asked whether he forsaw a new Mideast war this year, he replied: "I'm Defence Minister, not a prophet. But the step to a possible war is not very big."

He compared suggested Big Power guarantees for Israel's security with bankers' credits. "You can get them if you have convinced the bank that you don't need them. If you really need them, nobody wants to run the risk."

Expanding on his views, Mr. Peres was quoted as saying: "We cannot achieve peace overnight or within a year. I thus propose that we come to a ten-year agreement with Egypt. This period should be used for peace preparations. First we must agree on what we want to accomplish in these ten years and then we should move step by step towards this goal."

The advantage, Mr. Peres said, would be that Egypt would know exactly how close it could approach the desired borders and Israel would know how near it was to peace. "Under these conditions I would advocate that Israel be very generous in returning lands," the Minister said.

At the moment, he said, "the Egyptians are not ready for such an agreement. They say the following: give us certain areas, but we can't offer you much in exchange.

"Without a clear Egyptian peace pledge, without an obligation fixed by treaty, our security interests have priority. Therefore we can only return small areas to the Egyptians," Mr. Peres said.

He said he was opposed under present conditions to an Israeli pullback from the strategic Sinai passes and the Abu Rodeis oil fields. "I am against giving them up as long as the Egyptians are not ready in a formal agreement to end the military threat against Israel."

The Minister named three possible long term peace solutions for Jordan and Israel: 1) division of the "Biblical Land" between the two countries 2) a federation, or 3) a kind of common market on the European model.

He said he favoured a federation or common market, but only if Jordan dissociated itself "not from the Arab world, but from the hostility of the Arabs."

Skiing over at Hermon: no snow

By YORAM HAMIZRAHI
Jerusalem Post Reporter

MOUNT HERMON. — The ski centre here will close today for lack of snow. This was announced yesterday by Dov Alexander, director of the Neve Ativ ski village.

Unseasonably warm weather forced the slope operators to haul snow down by truck on Friday. The more than 7,000 visitors to the site yesterday skied partly on straw laid over bare patches in the snow.

Some 35,000 persons visited the site during the month it was open for skiing, said Mr. Alexander. The site remains open but — until there is another snowstorm — only for walking.

The upper parts of the Hermon are still covered by snow, but entrance to these areas is not permitted by the army.

Yesterday was the first day of Nature Reserves Week, and thousands of sightseers visited reserves throughout Galilee. Hotel owners in Upper Galilee and the Hula Valley said business was good. The border was quiet, with no incidents reported in any sector.

Vietnam protest vigil set for White House

WASHINGTON (UPI). — Anti-war activists and the families of nearly 1,000 men still missing in Southeast Asia both plan candlelight protest vigils outside the White House tonight.

The two demonstrations on the anniversary of U.S. withdrawal from the nation's longest conflict reflect the opposite poles of U.S. post-war attitudes toward Vietnam.

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Clashes in Portugal

OPORTO, Portugal (Reuter). — Police fired blank shots and teargas at hundreds of left-wing rioters who tried to break up the first congress of Portugal's Centre Democrat Party (C.D.S.) here last night.

Several lorry-loads of troops and military policemen were rushed in as reinforcements as demonstrators dug up paving stones with iron bars and broke open two of the main gates of the park surrounding the Congress Hall.

A victim is carried from the scene of a bomb blast in New York City's Wall Street area on Friday. Four people were killed and 40 injured. Story, page 4. (AP radiophoto)

Ford: Strong Israel will not need American guarantees

By WOLF BLITZER
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

WASHINGTON. — President Ford believes Israel needs no specific U.S. security guarantee so long as the United States continues to give her economic and military aid.

"I think the Israelis, with adequate equipment and their determination and sufficient economic aid, won't have to have U.S. guarantees of any kind," Ford said Thursday evening in an interview televised nationally on NBC.

Pointing out that Israel has never asked the U.S. for "manpower or any guarantee," the President added that if Israel is "given adequate arms and sufficient economic help," it "can handle the situation in the Middle East."

Earlier this month, Ford said in an interview with "Time" magazine that he would not rule out the possibility of providing Israel with a formal security guarantee, but he said that progress in the negotiations would have to be made first.

Some commentators had interpreted the "Time" interview as representing a subtle form of pressure on Israel, but Israeli officials in Washington insisted that they were not upset by the President's statements.

In the NBC interview, Ford strongly reassured Israeli officials and other supporters of Israel here. "The United States," Ford said, "over the years, has been very generous in economic and military aid for Israel. On the other hand, we have been quite generous to a number of Arab nations. The State of Israel does need adequate military capability to protect its boundaries or its territorial integrity.

"I think because of the commonality of interest that we have with Israel in the Middle East that it is in our interest as well as theirs to be helpful to them, both militarily and economically."

Regarding the reported 2.5 billion dollar request by Israel for economic and military grants and loans for next year, Ford said the Administration has not yet decided how much it will ask Congress to appropriate for Israel.

The President reiterated that there is "a serious danger" of another war breaking out in the Middle East. He said that because of the Arabs' "more sophisticated weapons and probably a better military capability, another war might even be

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U.S. asked to act on Arab boycott

Jerusalem Post Correspondent

WASHINGTON. — Because of growing fears in Israel that the increased wealth of oil producers may put new strength behind the Arab economic boycott, Israel has suggested to the U.S. that it would be helpful if Washington encouraged American companies to resist Arab pressure, the "Washington Post" reported yesterday.

A lengthy article by Economic Affairs Editor Hobart Rowen says that reports from foreign capitals "suggest that a number of firms have quietly dropped their operations in Israel." It added that an increasing number of European and American businesses wanting to operate in Israel were using "disguises," such as separate corporate identities and trademarks.

It pointed to three British firms making synthetic and cotton textiles that have just formed corporations in Panama and Lichtenstein which will give them a tax haven and a cover to run their Israeli factories.

Israel's Ambassador in Washington, Simcha Dinitz, is quoted as saying that the problem "is not a threat to the viability of the State of Israel, but a potential hardship that will have to be overcome. I trust the common sense of the American people: they will never let their business operations be reduced by political leverage. It's not just a question of sentiment — we're talking about a precedent that could boomerang."

The article quoted an unnamed American banker as saying: "Anybody who's doing business there (Israel) tries to keep a low profile, and many would like to get out. I don't know of any banker or businessman in Europe or the U.S. who wants to lend a helping hand."

No U.S. plan now to recognize PLO

Jerusalem Post Correspondent

WASHINGTON. — A State Department spokesman said yesterday the U.S. does not plan to recognize the PLO under the present circumstances.

The spokesman had been asked to comment on Egyptian President Sadat's statement in an interview with "Le Figaro" that he had "reason to believe" the U.S. would soon recognize the PLO.

Plane crashes on U.S. campus

WASHINGTON (UPI). — A twin-engine private plane trying to land at Washington National Airport after a flight from Columbus, Ohio, crashed into a radio tower and fell in flames on the American University campus yesterday, setting one building on fire.

Firemen reported at least two persons were killed. There was no immediate word on how many were aboard the plane, but a local reporter said: "It doesn't look like anyone could have survived the crash."

AFTER MIDNIGHT

Moroccan police yesterday arrested a young Algerian after he fired several shots with a pistol and threatened the staff at the Algerian consulate in Rabat, official sources said.

U.S. offers 'Lance' to Israel

Missile has range of 112 kms.

Jerusalem Post Correspondent

WASHINGTON. — The U.S. has for the first time offered to sell Israel more than 100 Lance surface-to-surface missiles, Pentagon officials confirmed yesterday.

Israel had been negotiating the sale of the short-range ballistic missile for about four years, but until now the U.S. had refused to provide the weapon. The Lance, which has a range of about 112 kms., is capable of carrying either a nuclear or conventional warhead.

The "New York Times," which on Friday reported U.S. willingness to sell the Lance, said about 200 missiles were involved in the $46m. sale. *The Post* reported Friday a $46m. sale of U.S. missiles to Israel, but had incorrectly speculated that the Tow anti-tank missile was involved. Pentagon officials later confirmed it was the Lance and not the Tow and they added that the number was closer to 100 than to 200.

DELIVERY

Army sources told the "Washington Post" yesterday that delivery of the missiles could take up to a year once the U.S. and Israel conclude the negotiations. The sources said there had been some opposition in the Pentagon to selling Israel the missile.

"Aviation Week and Space Technology," an authoritative weekly magazine in Washington on military affairs, last November reported U.S. readiness to provide Israel with a letter of offer for the Lance.

The "Washington Post" and the "New York Times" said the missile can be fitted with a type of "cluster bomblet" which was used widely by the U.S. in Vietnam. These weapons are essentially a cluster of small bombs which fragment into thousands of pieces of shrapnel directed at crews manning air defence systems.

In a related development, Israeli officials in Washington were pleased by Secretary of Defence Schlesinger's remarks last week that the U.S. can provide the resources to sustain Israeli fighting should a new war erupt.

Schlesinger said in New York that American arms production is up partly because of the weakness displayed in the defence industry when the U.S. began resupplying Israel with conventional weapons during the Yom Kippur War.

Schlesinger's statement appeared

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Gromyko to visit Cairo as U.S. bid stalls

By ANAN SAFADI,
POST Middle East Affairs Correspondent

As the Cairo-Washington talks over a second stage settlement in Sinai appeared deadlocked, the Egyptians announced yesterday that Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko will pay them a visit on February 3. Gromyko was also expected to visit Syria, though there had been no official announcement from Damascus by last night.

It was not clear whether the Russians, in sending Gromyko to Cairo, were acting in coordination with the Americans to seek a breakthrough in the stalemate between Egypt and Israel over the extent of concessions for a further settlement in Sinai. (See Ford and Kissinger statements in 'Strong Israel,' page 3.)

Whatever the reasons, Gromyko's trip was seen as reflecting a serious setback to Washington's hitherto exclusive diplomatic negotiations with Egypt. This deadlock was highlighted over the weekend by the shelving of plans for a visit by Sadat to the U.S. at the end of this month.

Egyptian-American cooperation, established in the aftermath of the 1973 October war, will be tested when Kissinger visits Cairo next month.

The prospects for Kissinger's step-by-step approach, which Egypt has so far supported, are likely to be determined by Gromyko's visit to Cairo. The Soviets have called for an early resumption of the Geneva Middle East peace conference where they serve as co-chairmen with the Americans.

Egyptian Foreign Minister Ismail Fahmy said last night the Gromyko visit followed a message Sadat received from Soviet leaders "including comrade Leonid Brezhnev." A message had also been received from U.S. President Gerald Ford, he said.

A prominent Egyptian journalist, Ali Amin, chairman of the "Akhbar el-Yom" publishing house, said yesterday that Cairo has informed the Big Powers it will go to war this year unless Israel withdraws from occupied Arab territories.

The Soviet Foreign Minister is expected to seek an improvement in Russian-Egyptian relations strained further earlier this month when Brezhnev called off a schedued visit to Egypt. Sadat subsequently said that cancellation of that visit left a number of issues outstanding between the two countries. He said Moscow was not supplying him with the arms he had asked for and that the Kremlin had not accommodated him on easier payments of Egyptian debts.

At the same time, diplomatic sources said, Moscow has been unable to persuade Sadat to renew an agreement giving the Russians privileges at Egypt's Mediterranean ports.

Sadat said Friday that there was a "misunderstanding" rather than a conflict with the Russians. He made this statement in one of a number of interviews with French news media on the eve of his three-day visit to Paris (see below).

He said the Middle East situation was a "time bomb" which "could explode at any moment." He claimed that neither Egypt nor Syria were planning an attack on Israel, adding: "if Israel attacks Syria, I shall take action at once, and I'll make an offensive against Israel."

'Airliner dispute widens Cairo-Moscow rift'

LONDON (UPI). — The "Sunday Telegraph" said yesterday that a dispute over the safety of Soviet-built airliners sold to Egypt was contributing to a widening diplomatic rift between Moscow and Cairo.

Diplomatic Correspondent Norman Kirkham wrote that eight TU154 passenger jets were delivered to Egypt last year in a $96m. deal.

One of them crashed with the loss of six lives during a training flight in July, he said, and the other seven planes were grounded after Egyptian pilots refused to fly them. The pilots said the planes have structural flaws and are unsafe.

Quoting Middle East diplomatic sources, the newspaper said that President Sadat was pressing Soviet leaders to cancel the sale and take the planes back.

"The Kremlin leaders, concerned over the heavy blow to the prestige of the Soviet civil aviation industry, have replied that Egypt must keep four of the fleet."

The "Sunday Telegraph" said Egypt bought the planes only after the Soviets linked the sale with future arms supplies.

"Foreign diplomats in Cairo discovered that the quarrel worsened when two Egyptian ministers were summoned to Moscow just before Christmas.

"President Sadat told his cabinet then that he was digging in his heels and the contract, involving extended credit, must be revoked completely."

Hussein on role in 'next war'

CAIRO (UPI). — King Hussein said in an interview published yesterday that Jordan's military strength was "limited" and its role in another Israel-Arab war would be determined by its "capabilities and resources on one hand and its responsibilities on the other."

While emphasizing that Jordan no longer had any direct role to play at the Geneva peace conference because of the Rabat decision, Hussein did not rule out Jordanian participation completely.

"We are prepared to go to Geneva if we find that we can render any service to help the Palestinians regain their legitimate rights," he told the newspaper "Al Ahram."

Hussein said that the next Arab-Israel war would be "a catastrophe," with unprecedented bloodshed and the likelihood of big-power involvement.

Egypt sentences two for spying

CAIRO (AP). — An Egyptian who lived in Munich has been sentenced to death and his father to 15 years' hard labour on charges of spying for Israel, the newspaper "Akhbar el Yom" reported yesterday.

It said that Samir William Basily, 37, began gathering political, economic and military information from Egyptians visiting Munich in 1967. He was arrested when he went to Cairo in 1974.

Information was also forwarded to him from Cairo by his 66-year-old father. The father was recruited during a visit to Munich in 1969, the paper said.

Basily was tricked by Egyptian intelligence into going to Cairo to conclude a business deal, it was reported.

SADAT TO PARIS FOR ARMS AND AID

By JACK MAURICE
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PARIS. — Egyptian President Anwar Sadat and his wife will be welcomed by French President Giscard d'Estaing tomorrow when they fly into Orly airport — scene of two Arab terrorist attacks on Israeli airliners within six days — for a two-day official visit.

On the eve of the visit, Giscard paid tribute to Sadat, describing him as "head of a great nation." In an interview with the Middle East News Agency, which was released in Paris, Giscard said: "President Sadat is a statesman and has shown over the past years his determination and moderation which are the two hallmarks of statesmen."

The French President said in the interview that Israel must "return Arab territories gained by force to their rightful owners." He said too that Israel and each of the neighbouring Arab countries must have "safe and guaranteed borders." Giscard added that there would be no peace in the Middle East unless "the Palestinians are given the right, like other peoples of the world, to establish a state of their own."

COMMON MARKET

Sadat's journey to France is the first he has made as President to a West European country and marks Egypt's eagerness to lean on Common Market support against Israel in order to reduce his military and diplomatic dependence on the U.S. and Soviet Union.

Amid the toughest security precautions devised for a visiting chief of state Sadat will travel by helicopter from Orly to the Hotel Marigny, formerly, the Hotel Rothschild, the palatial mansion near the Elysée Palace where he wil stay.

The Egyptian and French Presidents will begin their diplomatic talks within three hours of Sadat's arrival at Orly. Then President Giscard will give a banquet in honour of the Egyptian leader in the ballroom of the Elysée.

On Tuesday Sadat will visit the Paris suburban factory of Thomson C.S.F., manufacturer of key elements of Mirage warplanes and missiles which Egypt wants to buy here. After a visit to an exhibition devoted to King Louis XV of France, Sadat will give a dinner for his French host.

Before flying back to Cairo on Wednesday Sadat will receive the heads of Arab diplomatic missions and a French businessmen's delegation, give a press conference and have lunch with Premier Jacques Chirac.

FOREIGN MINISTER

President Sadat will be accompanied by Foreign Minister Ismail Fahmy, Planning Minister Dr. Ismail-Sabri Abdullah, Minister of State Yehia Gammal, Military Production Minister Gamal Badri and the President's Secretary for Foreign Relations, Dr. Ashraf Marwan.

Sadat will be the first VIP guest to stay at the Marigny residence, a white-faced building which was built in 1885 in the baroque style favoured by Gustave de Rothschild, head of the French branch of the Jewish banking family. The French government paid $4 million for the building before investing an even bigger sum in turning it into a luxury residence for visiting heads of state.

Sadat's shopping list in Paris will include Mirage warplanes, Alphajet trainers and other equipment now available to Middle East "battlefield" countries since the embargo which de Gaulle imposed in 1967 was lifted last year.

The Egyptians are particularly interested in the Dassault-Breguet Mirage F1 and the Aerospatiale Lynx helicopter. Sadat's recent public complaints that the Soviet Union is depriving Egypt of modern weaponry, while supplying the Syrians, will be vigorously argued by the Egyptian delegation here.

The Egyptians will stress here that Arab countries, such as Jordan, which has recently acquired Northrop F-5s from Iran, Saudi Arabia and Kuwait, are obtaining American warplanes. Israel has received $2,000m. worth of anti-tank Tow missiles, Lance surface-to-surface missiles and modern tactical aircraft, according to military sources.

Following the loan by Libya to Egypt of two dozen Mirages during the Yom Kippur War, Kuwait and Abu Dhabi are reported to have bought Mirages on behalf of Egypt. Saudi Arabia has bought 38 Mirage IIIs and AMX-30 combat tanks equipped with ground-to-air Crotale missiles designed for close defence.

The French systematically insert a clause in foreign arms sales contracts forbidding the purchaser from handing over equipment to other powers. But the precedent of the Libyan Mirages which were based in Egypt in 1973 and of the presence of three Saudi Mirages in Egypt last November confirm that this condition is not respected.

POWER STATION

Egypt is hoping for French aid in building an electricity power station in Aboukir, an underground metro system for Cairo, petrochemical plants, sugar refining factories and assembly lines for vehicles. The French have already helped to sweep mines from the Suez Canal and are expected to assist in reopening the waterway to shipping. President Sadat hopes that Egypt, like Iran and Libya, will obtain nuclear power stations from France for industrial use.

Saudi Arabian and Iranian capital are available to finance these projects. France has now become Egypt's second-ranking supplier after wresting this envied position from the Soviet Union.

The U.S. still retains its leadership in the export league to Egypt.

Egyptian Minister of Information Kamal Abul-Magd made an appeal in "Le Monde" yesterday for speedy action by the Common Market countries to give impetus to the long heralded Euro-Arab dialogue.

The Egyptian Minister wrote: "It is up to all the political and social forces in Europe, and particularly in France, to assume their responsibilities seriously so that this dialogue, which is of vital importance, becomes effective and fruitful."

Mr. Abul Magd said: "Of all the European countries France is the one to which we are most closely attached. Since the time of General de Gaulle France has professed a policy which is, to say the least, objective as is witnessed by its efforts in the past to decolonise Algeria and its attitude towards the quarrel between Arabs and Israelis. So it is to France that we address ourselves because it is up to her, throughout the European continent, to play the role of an understanding intermediary between our two universes."

DEFENCE ASSOCIATION

The Association for the Defence of French Possessions and Interests in Egypt urged here yesterday that the plight of people expelled from Egypt after the 1956 Suez war and deprived of their possessions should not be forgotten during Sadat's visit.

The Association said that if agreements already made between France and Egypt had been correctly applied these would have enabled the problems of the expatriates to be settled satisfactorily.

But the Association added: "The slowness and complexity of the procedure have indefinitely delayed decisions. Possessions have dwindled. Whatever is left is blocked in Cairo while awaiting answers or decisions which have been constantly postponed.

"There has been no compensation for nationalised possessions. Pensions due to former French civil servants working for the Egyptian government are only transferred to them after very long delays."

Leading Arab figures in Paris issued a plea yesterday for the release of political prisoners seized in Egypt after the workers' demonstrations in Cairo on January 1.

They condemned "the anti-democratic measures taken by the Egyptian government against the Arab people of Egypt and against the fighting vanguard and its workers, students and intellectuals."

The signatories of the appeal include Professor Samir Amin, Prof. Ahmed Baba-Miske, film maker Ali Shoubash, singer Mohamed Hamam, poet Ahmed Hegazi, writer Mahmoud Hussein, Prof. Laroui Abdallah, journalist Abdel Salam Moutbark, painter Adly Rizkallah and journalist Ibrahim Sus.

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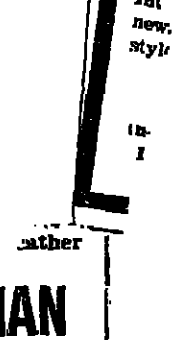

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THE WEATHER

Forecast: Partly cloudy, local rains.

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Jerusalem	—	6—13	5—11
Golan	54	3—13	3—11
Nahariya	49	6—19	6—18
Safad	57	3—10	4—10
Tiberias	57	6—18	6—18
Nazareth	55	8—15	8—16
Afula	48	3—18	3—17
Shomron	44	7—14	6—14
Tel Aviv	63	8—16	8—16
B-G Airport	52	6—19	6—18
Jericho	51	6—21	7—20
Gaza	65	8—18	8—18
Beersheba	37	4—17	4—17
Eilat	23	7—22	8—22
Tiran	34	12—21	12—21

Social and Personal

The new Robert Fisher Centre of Micha Jerusalem, for deaf children, will be officially opened at 6 o'clock tomorrow evening under the patronage of Mayor Teddy Kollek. The programme includes a performance by Micha graduates. Entrance is from the parking lot in Rehov Hillel near the Maale School and all friends of Micha are cordially invited.

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Education Minister Aharon Yadlin over the weekend called on the poet Uri Zvi Greenberg at his Ramat Gan residence.

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A rehabilitation clinic for the disabled will be dedicated in honour of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Herzog of Israel and England at Bar-Ilan University on Tuesday. The Herzogs helped found the university's training programme for rehabilitation counselling in 1959.

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The Israel and British Commonwealth Association, Haifa branch, elected the following officers for the current year: chairman, A.E. Shohet; vice-chairman, E.E. Schreuer; honorary secretary, Jerry Berkow; assistant honorary secretary, Jenny Targowsky; honorary treasurer, Dr. S. Reich. At its first meeting the executive decided to set up a Haifa University scholarship in international relations in memory of its late chairman, Judge Emanuel Slonim.

ARRIVALS

For a meeting of the Jewish Agency Board of Governors: Board Chairman Max Fisher, Board Member Victor Carter, and Yitzhak Hamlin, Executive Vice Chairman of the World Zionist Organization.

Carl Alpert, executive vice-chairman of the Technion's board of governors, from the U.S. and Canada.

Norman Seiden and Charles Scher, leaders of the American Technion Society, for a visit to the Technion.

Jacques Torczyner, chairman of the American section of the World Jewish Congress; Richard Cohen, associate executive director of the American Jewish Congress, for the WJC plenary assembly opening February 3 (by El Al).

DEPARTURE

Senator Charles Percy (Rep.), for Rome, after a two-day visit.

Jackson attacks Dr. K., vows to continue fight for Soviet Jews

By WOLF BLITZER
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

WASHINGTON. — Senator Henry Jackson says he will not abandon his campaign to secure freedom of emigration from the Soviet Union for Jews and other minorities, despite the recent Soviet rejection of the trade agreement with the U.S.

In a strongly-worded statement Jackson yesterday rejected Secretary of State Henry Kissinger's version of the Soviet move. He said Kissinger's explanation had "given rise to confusion, speculation and misunderstanding."

The Senator attacked the Soviet Union for rejecting the agreement and for not living up "to the assurances that Secretary Kissinger had been authorized to convey to the Congress."

Jackson was the leading supporter in the Senate of an amendment to the trade bill which linked the granting to the oviet Union of most-favoured-nation trade status and other trade benefits with a liberalization in Soviet emigration policies. Following nine months of negotiations with the administration, Jackson accepted a compromise extending to President Ford the option to waive the amendment if the Kremlin offered assurances that its emigration restrictions would be lessened.

But earlier this month, the Soviets suddenly rejected the accord, charging the Congress with interference in the domestic affairs of the Soviet Union.

"I continue to believe that the courageous men and women fighting for their freedom in the Soviet Union are worthy of our support," Jackson said. "I will not abandon their cause, whether under pressure from the cold hearted in Moscow, or the faint hearted in Washington," he added.

Without naming Jackson, Kissinger appeared to be challenging the Senator's action in a speech in Los Angeles on Friday. "Too often," Kissinger said, "differences as to tactics have defeated the very purposes that both branches (the executive and the legislative) meant to serve, because the legislative sanctions were too public or too drastic or too undiscriminating." The Secretary appealed to Congress to allow the administration more authority in the day to day execution of U.S. foreign policy.

Over the past two weeks administration officials have indicated that congressional action was the primary cause of the collapse of the U.S.-Soviet accord.

Jackson said: "Rather than saying plainly that the Soviets had reneged, the administration sought to blame the Congress — and then to exploit the Soviet action to inhibit the Congress from playing its constitutional role in establishing tariffs and regulating credits."

Some commentators have said that the $300 million limitation over four years for U.S. government backed credits to the Soviet Union was the primary cause for the Soviet rejection and not the emigration issue. Moscow had expected much more substantial sums and was disappointed in what Kissinger has called "peanuts."

In his statement, Jackson said that the $300 million ceiling "can, under existing law, be increased with congressional approval." But the Senator insisted that Congress not "abdicate its responsibility to oversee the disposition of U.S. credits, particularly to the country whose policies require us to spend billions of dollars for defence."

Jackson challenged President Ford's January 21 statement that the administration intends to "work with the Congress to eliminate any of the problems in the trade bill that might have precipitated the action by the Soviet Union."

Jackson declared: "This unfortunate reaction suggests that we should reward an egregious Soviet breach of good faith with increased largesse and a weakening of our insistence that they move toward freer emigration."

Support of the view that the Soviet abrogated the trade agreement with the U.S. because of the limitation of the financial credits it provided and not because of the Jewish emigration issue, was expressed by members of the American National Conference on Soviet Jewry when they met with Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin on Friday.

The delegation pledged that the conference would continue its efforts to secure the rights of Soviet Jews.

Taking part in the meeting were Conference Chairman Stanley Lowell, Vice-Chairman Rabbi David Hill, New York Conference Chairman Eugene Gold, National Conference Executive Director Gerry Goodman, and Rabbi Azriel Miller, Chairman of the Presidents Conference of Major Jewish Organizations.

The delegation were also the guests of the Zionist Executive at a meeting in Tel Aviv on Friday.

Jerusalem Hapoel, Betar win

Top 3 League sides drop games

By PAUL KOHN
Jerusalem Post Sports Reporter

TEL AVIV. — All three teams leading the National Soccer League last week lost their games yesterday in a crop of surprise results.

Tel Aviv Maccabi recaptured some of this season's lost pride with a 2:1 home victory over leaders Netanya Maccabi at Bloomfield Stadium. There was jubilation, too, across town at the Hatikva Quarter, where 15th-placed Bnei Yehuda beat Kfar Saba Hapoel 2:0. Beersheba Hapoel returned home after three successful away games, only to lose 1:2 to Jerusalem Hapoel.

Tel Aviv Shimshon came back into the championship reckoning with a 2:0 away win over Jaffa Maccabi, and is now in second place. Tel Aviv Hapoel held Haifa Hapoel to a 0:0 draw — its fourth game without defeat. Jerusalem Betar, though unimpressive, scored its first win since returning to the YMCA Stadium, beating bottom-placed Petah Tikva Maccabi 1:0.

Ramat Amidar Maccabi went to the top of the Southern Division of League "A" for the first time this season, following a 3:0 win over Beer Yaacov Hapoel. Rishon Lezion Hapoel dropped from first to fourth place after suffering a 3:4 defeat in Lydda.

The Northern Division has become a two club race, Haifa Maccabi and Acre Hapoel both winning their games yesterday.

Tel Aviv Maccabi produced its best game of the season against last season's champions. The Maccabi players fought for every ball, and played as if to show their supporters that they are still a team to be reckoned with. Maccabi took the lead in the 66th minute through Dror Barnur, but it was a disputed goal, with Netanya players claiming Barnur put the ball in with his hand and not his head. Referee Neftali Eytan allowed the goal.

Shraga Topolansky put Netanya Maccabi level in the 81st minute with a free kick from 18 metres out. Leon Constantinovsky, playing only his second game for Tel Aviv Maccabi, got his team's winner in the 86th minute with a header. The secret of Maccabi's win was the tight marking of Mordechai Spiegler by Yaron Oz.

At the same stadium, Tel Aviv Hapoel and Haifa Hapoel played a goalless draw. Tel Aviv Hapoel lacked any original ideas on how to beat the Haifa defence, pivoted around Yohanan Wallach. They constantly lifted high balls into the centre, hoping to find Yeshayahu Feigenbaum's head. Referee Menahem Ashkenazy issued yellow warning cards to Tel Aviv players David Primo and David Franko.

Eight thousand in the Negev capital saw their home side suffer a defeat against the run of play at the hands of Jerusalem Hapoel. Beersheba Hapoel called the tune in the first half. An 11th minute goal by Rafi Eliahu gave them a dose of overconfidence. But Jerusalem Hapoel improved in the second half, and Shlomo Mahtabi equalized in the 59th minute with a shot from 20 metres. The Jerusalem winner was scored by Eli Ben-David with a header two minutes before the end. Beersheba goalkeeper Ronnie Moskowitz had an off day.

Betar completed the Jerusalem double with a 42nd minute goal by Yitzhak Jano. The Betar stopper moved up to join the attack when Artzi Ben Yaacov took a corner. Otherwise Betar fans had little to cheer about, and for long periods it was the bottom-of-the-league club Petah Tikva Maccabi which played the more attractive football.

It was a rough game in Petah Tikva. Referee Yitzhak Ben Yitzhak gave two players their marching orders — Ya'acov Rubinstein of Petah Tikva Hapoel and Amnon Barzilay of Hadera Hapoel — and issued yellow warning cards to four other players. In the 10th minute Dov Remler of Petah Tikva was injured in the head and had to be taken to hospital. The only goal of the game was scored by Gady Zelniker of Petah Tikva Hapoel in the 21st minute. There was little good football in this encounter and the Petah Tikva players seemed jittery.

Bnei Yehuda scored its first win in eight games with goals by Eihud Ben Tovim in the 15th minute and Alon Zubeiri in the 50th minute. Bnei Yehuda fully deserved its victory, controlling the game for long stretches against a Kfar Saba side which never found its true form.

Petah Tikva goalie Malika goes for a shot by Jerusalem Betar. The ball hit the goal post, but Betar scored on another attempt, and the Jerusalem match ended in Betar's favour 1-0. (Rahamim Israeli)

NATIONAL LEAGUE STANDINGS AFTER 17 GAMES:

	Goals	Points
1. Netanya Maccabi	26:18	23
2. Shimshon	18:10	22
3. Beersheba Hapoel	22:12	22
4. Kfar Saba Hapoel	23:18	22
5. Haifa Hapoel	21:12	20
6. Jerusalem Hapoel	18:11	20
7. Hakoah	19:21	18
8. Hadera Hapoel	15:14	17
9. Tel Aviv Betar	21:21	16
10. Jerusalem Betar	17:17	16
11. Tel Aviv Maccabi	15:16	16
12. Petah Tikva Hapoel	16:20	14
13. Jaffa Maccabi	15:20	14
14. Tel Aviv Hapoel	10:16	12
15. Bnei Yehuda	10:20	11
16. Petah Tikva Maccabi	8:25	9

Jaffa Maccabi 0, Shimshon 2
Hakoah 2, Tel Aviv Betar 1
Beersheba Hapoel 1, Jerusalem Hapoel 2
Bnei Yehuda 2, Kfar Saba Hapoel 0
Tel Aviv Hapoel 0, Haifa Hapoel 0
Petah Tikva Hapoel 1, Hadera Hapoel 0
Jerusalem Betar 1, Petah Tikva Mac. 0
Tel Aviv Maccabi 2, Netanya Maccabi 1

LEAGUE "A" NORTH

1. Haifa Maccabi	24: 9	26
2. Acre Hapoel	29:12	23
3. Ramat Gan Hapoel	27:17	19
4. Netanya Betar	16:13	17
5. Tiberias Hapoel	14:13	17
6. Netanya Hapoel	21:22	16

Netanya Hapoel 1, Tiberias Hapoel 1
Netanya Betar 2, Tirat Hacarmel Hap. 0
Ramat Gan Hapoel 1, Acre Hapoel 2
Haifa Maccabi 2, Herzliya Maccabi 0
Herzliya Hapoel 2, Nahariya Hapoel 2
Hadera Maccabi 0, Safad Hapoel 0
Kiryat Ata Hapoel 1, Nazareth Hapoel 0
Nahllel Hapoel 1, Kiryat Shmona Hap. 0

LEAGUE "A" SOUTH

1. Ramat Amidar Maccabi	28:12	23
2. Yahud Hapoel	21:10	23
3. Bat Yam Hapoel	25:18	22
4. Rishon Lezion Hapoel	39:22	21
5. Shaarayim Maccabi	31:29	20
6. Dimona Hapoel	18:19	18

Ramat Amidar Mac. 3, Beer Yaacov Hap. 0
Shaarayim Maccabi 5, Ashdod Hapoel 3
Lod Hapoel 4, Rishon Lezion Hapoel 3
Ramle Hapoel 0, Bat Yam Hapoel 0
Holon Hapoel 1, Ramle Betar 0
Yahud Hapoel 1, Marmorek Hapoel 0
Jaffa Betar 0, Beit Shemesh Hapoel 0
Ness Ziona 1, Dimona Hapoel 1

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U.S. Senators tour Golan, Samaria

Jerusalem Post Staff

U.S. Senator Daniel Inouye, in Israel with U.S. officials to check on how American aid is being spent, yesterday toured Samaria and the Golan in company with Chief of Staff Mordechai Gur and O/C Northern Command Rafael Eytan.

On Friday the Hawaii Democrat and his colleague on the foreign operations subcommittee of the Senate Appropriations Committee, Senator Charles Mathias (Rep.-Maryland), toured the Sinai lines. Senator Mathias left Israel yesterday for Damascus.

Yesterday's tour began with a visit to several spots in Samaria, accompanied by a briefing from the O/C Central Command, Aluf Yona Efrat. Mr. Inouye and his party then went by army helicopter to Kibbutz Mevo Hama at the southern end of the Golan Heights, where Rav-Aluf Gur explained the situation in the southern Golan and the Jordan Valley.

After touring the southern and northern Golan and inspecting fortifications, the party went to Kiryat Shmona, where Mayor Avraham Aloni spoke to them about the state of development towns.

Present at this meeting was Aluf (Res.) Eliahu Ben-Hur, who reminisced with Sen. Inouye about their common experiences on the Italian front during World War II. Senator Inouye lost an arm during the Italian campaign.

In the evening the Senator's party were the dinner guests of Foreign Minister Yigal Allon at Kibbutz Ginossar.

On Friday Senators Inouye and Mathias visited an exhibition of captured Soviet military equipment, and a workshop for restoring war-damaged tanks to combat standard.

They then toured an Air Force base as guests of Air Force commander Aluf Binyamin Peled and flew to Sinai to inspect military installations and the disengagement lines.

During their tour they were also briefed by the chief of the IDF Quartermaster Branch, Aluf Arye Levy, and other senior officers.

Rimalt praises Rabin's defiance

Jerusalem Post Political Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Liberal Party Chairman Elimelech Rimalt on Friday praised Premier Yitzhak Rabin for telling the world Israel was not afraid of President Anwar Sadat's threats. Rimalt told a meeting here that Mr. Rabin was speaking for the entire nation and not only the Government.

The Likud co-chairman took issue with "the festival of false optimism," which, he said, surrounded the Washington visit of Foreign Minister Yigal Allon. This was the cause of the hardening of the Egyptian line, Dr. Rimalt said.

He speculated on whether the U.S. was submitting to Sadat's line, with President Ford saying lack of movement between Egypt and Israel would lead to the renewal of the Geneva conference.

Dr. Rimalt pointed to Sadat's ultimatum to the U.S. — to hold up aid to Israel until this country agreed to unilateral withdrawal in the south, in the north and in Judea and Samaria. It was quite likely that Sadat's demand was the cause of the delay in completing the economic talks with the U.S., he said.

Zionist leaders condemn Sapir

Jerusalem Post Political Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Leaders of the World Union of General Zionists have come out against recent political declarations by Jewish Agency Chairman Pinhas Sapir who has attacked the Government on its Ma'ale Adumim project and has advocated sizeable territorial concessions.

The matter is to be raised at the forthcoming meeting of the Zionist General Council. The World Union delegate on the Council, Baruch Weinstein, on Friday wired Zionist General Council Chairman Yitzhak Navon M.K., demanding an urgent meeting of the Council presidium.

Mr. Weinstein said in his message that Mr. Sapir's declaration contradicted the decisions of the recent Zionist Congress. The General Zionist leader said Mr. Sapir was subject to these policy guidelines, which laid down that "the people of Israel's right to the Land of Israel cannot be questioned."

2 children hurt in Gaza attack

Jerusalem Post Staff

A boy and a girl were slightly injured yesterday morning in the first of two grenade attacks on IDF vehicles in Gaza's Shati refugee camp. There were no IDF casualties.

During the day an almost empty Bethlehem-Jerusalem bus suffered minor damage when explosives went off in a tin of preserves.

The first Gaza incident was at 9.40 a.m., when a grenade hurled at a group of soldiers standing near the Shati camp destroyed a jeep. The soldiers fired in the direction from which the grenade had come, and the boy and girl were slightly injured. The children were taken to hospital.

In the afternoon another grenade was thrown in Shati, this time at an army truck. It failed to explode. No arrests were reported in either case.

The Bethlehem-Jerusalem bus blast was at noon; there were no casualties.

On Friday morning two mines wrapped in a sack were discovered on the Jerusalem-Ramallah road and safely destroyed by an IDF demolition expert. They had been found by local labourers, who stopped a military vehicle and pointed out the suspicious-looking sack.

Heart surgery for boy from Arab country

TEL AVIV. — A 12-year-old boy from an unnamed neighbouring Arab country was discharged on Friday from the Sheba Medical Centre after successfully undergoing a serious heart operation.

Officials said the boy, accompanied by his parents, was brought to Israel by relatives living in the West Bank. They refused to identify the family or their place of origin.

The boy had previously undergone a series of examinations in Europe by several heart specialists who said nothing could be done for the ailment, diagnosed as malfunctioning valves. The boy was given only a year or two to live.

A team of doctors here carried out the operation six weeks ago at the medical centre's special department for congenital heart defects. "It lasted several hours and involved repairing five different malfunctions of the organ," the official said. "Now that we are certain the operation was a success, we have released him," they added. *(Itim)*

Three E. J'lemites held for stealing power-plant oil

The maintenance manager of the Shuafat power plant, Hartoun Kaplanian, and two other East Jerusalemites were remanded on Friday for 15 days on suspicion of having engineered a massive 10-year-long theft of oil from the East Jerusalem Electricity Corporation.

Ordered held with Kaplanian were haulage contractor Shukri Wazwaz and trucker Attallah Abu Mayaleh. Police told the Jerusalem Magistrate's Court that Kaplanian and Wazwaz conspired to remove enormous amounts of oil from the Corporation's Shuafat station. Abu Mayaleh, they said, shipped it out for sale in various parts of the country, with all three sharing in the proceeds.

(According to earlier reports, IL300,000-worth of fresh oil — sold as used oil — is involved.)

The police told the court that they are now questioning a large number of persons, and plan to seize documents and property in connection with the case. *(Itim)*

Pessah wine suspected of being hametz

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Large consignments of special Pessah wine sent abroad may prove to be unfit for use during the holiday because the alcohol used in them was made of starch, which is *hametz*, that is, it contains leaven. In the past the alcohol used for the wines was made from fruit residues, which are not subject to the danger of leavening.

The Agudat Yisrael paper "Hamodia" said on Friday that, according to Bat Yam Rabbi Pesah Kukis, several wine manufacturers used alcohol made of starch produced by the Paka factory. A statement is also expected from a Ramat Gan rabbi saying that Assis wines were made with starch-based alcohol.

It is learned that only one or two of the smaller wine cellars use their own, *non-hametz*, alcohol.

Contacted for comment last night, the spokesman for Chief Rabbi Shlomo Goren said that the Rabbi's office would follow up the matter.

Auschwitz liberation marked on TV, radio

The 30th anniversary tomorrow of the liberation of the Auschwitz death camp by Russian troops will be marked by special broadcasts on radio and television.

Tonight at 10.05 the radio will bring on its first programme a semi-documentary on the Auschwitz orchestra, consisting of selections played by the orchestra according to the testimony of surviving members.

Next Sunday, February 2, at 9.50 p.m. television will bring a programme called "Why was Auschwitz not bombed?" The programme will be based on a wide range of sources, including the testimony of former German armaments minister Albert Speer, Soviet foreign and defence ministry documents and the evidence of survivors.

'Boy who died in lockup was killed by cellmate'

HADERA. — A 16-year-old Afula boy found dead in the lockup here last Tuesday had been strangled by one of his cellmates, police sources said on Friday.

Yisrael Adari, who was being held on a morals charge, was found lying on the floor by jailers attracted at 1.30 p.m. by cries from two of his three cellmates. Artificial respiration failed and he was dead on arrival at Hillel Yoffe Hospital here.

On Friday police sources said it had been learned that a "discussion" developed between the boy and the three other detainees after lunch on Tuesday. During this one of the three approached Adari, wrapped a towel around his neck, and choked him. Only when the boy had stopped struggling and slumped to the ground did the others realize what had happened and call for help, the source said. *(Itim)*

Indian ban on ping-pong team is now official

By JACK LEON
Jerusalem Post Sports Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The Israel Sports Federation has been officially informed by the Indian Government that entry visas will not be granted to Israel's team for the world table tennis championships, starting in Calcutta on February 6.

The ISF received news of this rejection from the British Embassy's Consular Section, which represents India in Israel. The Indian Department of the Interior said it "regretted its inability to authorize the issue of visas" to the team, British Consul Bernard Attwood told *The Jerusalem Post* on Friday. Mr. Attwood said that he had explained "the legitimate interests of the trip to Calcutta" along with the request for visas.

He explained that holders of Israel passports require entry visas to India because there is no reciprocal agreement on tourist travel between the two countries. Reports have been widely circulated here and abroad that visas to India are not needed for stays of less than 21 days, and on this basis, the ISF has been considering sending the team as tourists on their individual Israel passports if the ban is not lifted.

Mr. Attwood stated that "the British Consulate deals with a considerable number of requests from Israeli nationals wishing to visit India, and these are presumably treated on their merit, with some approved and some rejected."

In spite of this new setback, the ISF has still not given up hope of Israel competing in Calcutta, Federation Secretary-General Shmuel Lalkin informed *The Post* on Friday. The President of the International Table Tennis Federation, H. Roy Evans, informed the ISF 10 days ago that he had urged Indian Prime Minister Indira Gandhi to ensure that all entries were allowed to compete in the 10-day meet.

"We are hoping that Mr. Evans's early arrival in Calcutta means that he will be able to get results from his pressure on the Indian Government," Mr. Lalkin said.

Meanwhile, Israel's team for Calcutta on Thursday entered a closed camp at the Wingate Institute for final intensive training, prior to its scheduled departure for India on February 2.

Bar-Ilan rector: Agitators spur Arab students

Jerusalem Post Reporter

RAMAT GAN. — Bar-Ilan University's rector said here last week the decision of Arab students to form their own association stems solely from outside political agitation. The rector, Prof. Menahem Zvi Kaddari, added in a statement that the university will not recognize any student association outside the official students union.

The school's fewer than 100 Arab students formed their own association after failing to win representation in the students union.

The rector said the setting up of the separate association, as well as other demands made by the Arab students, smacked of politics. He said the move was all the work of outside political forces attempting to create a pretext for demonstrations which would attract attention.

Palestinian terrorists vow to protect Lebanon

BEIRUT (UPI). — The Palestinian terrorist movement is determined "to safeguard Lebanon's security and sovereignty," and to place all its forces in the service of the Lebanese government, terrorist leader Yasser Arafat said yesterday.

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to refute charges by some officials that Israel's massive arms requests from the U.S. were weakening the U.S. military posture.

According to Friday's "New York Times," the U.S. has shipped to Israel some 600 tanks, including the modern M 60, since the Yom Kippur War. The paper also reported that Israel has received since the war 56 Phantom jet fighters, sophisticated electronic equipment to protect warplanes against surface-to-air missiles, advanced sensors, so called "smart bombs," which seek targets, and thousands of tons of ammunition.

Reb Mendele Unger of Safad, at 75

Jerusalem Post Reporter

SAFAD. — A colourful local figure, Reb Mendele Unger, died here last week at the age of 75.

A native of Safad, Reb Mendele served during the 1948 Arab siege of the town on the community council and was instrumental in getting food supplies to the residents. His father had been in charge of the independent post office in Safad during World War I. Reb Mendele was renowned for his fund of stories on Safad's past.

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Our sympathies to his wife and son.
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NY-Eilat direct flight bringing 400 Bond men

By SHEILA MELTZER, Jerusalem Post Reporter

EILAT. — The first direct flight from New York to Eilat today will bring more than 400 Bond leaders for the first two days of the Israel Bond-Prime Minister's conference. This is also the first time Eilat is playing host to such a large group of VIPs, and preparations — which have been slowly gathering momentum for three months — reached a crescendo over the weekend.

The whole town is talking about "the Bonds." Their programme of events include the annual Tu Bishvat tree planting ceremony tomorrow, at which a tree will be planted for each one of the 500 children born in Eilat during this year; a visit to the oil pipeline terminal and to a giant tanker; and the inauguration of a new underground copper mine at Timna.

The organizers for the conference have tapped local talent: from the charming hostesses who will guide the guests, to the florist who spent 24 hours arranging hundreds of exquisite arrangements for the Laromme Hotel, where the guests are staying. An entertainment programme featuring the Eilat School Children's Choir and Shoshana Damari will be held this evening at the Community Centre.

The importance of this event for Eilat was stressed by Mayor Gad Katz at a press conference held here on Friday. "This is our first important conference on such a scale," he said, "and on its success depends the future of Eilat as an international congress centre."

A festive banquet will be held on Monday evening at the Laromme, and the newly appointed manager, 30-year-old Rodolfo Kohn, has made special arrangements for the Bond leaders.

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worse." He added that this "is one of the reasons we wish to accelerate the efforts to find some answers over there."

He said that "we might have a very good opportunity to be successful in what we call our step by step process." He expressed hope that "our optimism is borne out," adding "we are certainly going to try."

Asked to comment on Secretary of State Kissinger's forthcoming trip to the Middle East, probably during the second week of February, the President said that Kissinger "is going because we think it might be fruitful, but we don't want to raise expectations." He said that "if we don't move in this direction at this time, I think we might lose a unique opportunity."

Ford conceded that if progress was not made quickly, the reconvening of the Geneva Middle East peace conference "is a distinct possibility." He said the U.S. prefers the step by step process since it has proved successful so far." But if here is no progress," he continued, "then I think we undoubtedly would be forced to go to Geneva."

He said if the parties were forced to return to Geneva he would be "less optimistic" about the chances of success.

Secretary Kissinger has been anxious to avoid a return to Geneva because the Soviet Union acts as equal co-chairman of the conference. Kissinger has been accused of attempting to shut the Soviets out of the current round of negotiations in the Middle East in order to win additional support among the Arabs at the Kremlin's expense. Ford was asked to comment on this charge.

"I can assure you that we do keep contact with the Soviet Union at the present time," Ford replied. He insisted that the U.S. "is not trying to shut them out of the process..."

He added that the Soviets "can play and they have played a constructive role, even under the present circumstances."

The U.S., the President continued, is "more visible perhaps" but the Soviet Union is "playing a part" even at the present time.

Kissinger, however, has reportedly told a recent closed session of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee that once the current round of talks between Israel and Egypt is completed, the Soviet Union would probably have to be included more directly in the next stage of talks.

Notwithstanding Ford's assertion that the Soviets have played a constructive role in the negotiations, Kissinger reportedly told the Committee last week that Moscow has played virtually no role in Middle East diplomacy.

State Department officials privately speculated late last week that the current round of talks would be capped with a resumption of the Geneva conference, at least for a formal signing ceremony, if the negotiations are successful.

Asked to comment on Secretary Kissinger's recent statement that the U.S. might be forced to use military force against the oil producing states if they strangle the western industrialized countries, Ford once again stood by the Secretary's warning.

"When you are being strangled it is a question of either dying or living and when you use the word 'strangulation' in relationship to the existence of the U.S. or its non-existence, I think the public has to have a reassurance, our people, that we are not going to permit America to be strangled to death. And so, I, in my willingness to be as frank, but with moderation, I thought I ought to say what I said then and I have amplified it — I hope clarified it — here," Ford said.

Asked if he were troubled by the moral implications of this implicit warning regarding how other countries may want to use their natural resources, Ford acknowledged that this is a "troublesome question." But he pointed out that "history, in the years before us, indicates quite clearly that that was one of the reasons why nations fought one another."

'No U.S. divisions for M.E.'

WASHINGTON (AP). — The White House moved Friday to dispel an impression left by President Ford that the U.S. may be preparing three army divisions for use in the Middle East.

Press secretary Ron Nessen told newsmen Ford had never heard of such a plan and that the President did not mean to indicate otherwise in the way he fielded a question during an NBC television interview Thursday night.

Meanwhile, the Defence Department said three new army divisions are being organized principally with the mission of reinforcing Nato in event of a war emergency in Western Europe. A spokesman said the divisions will not be combat-ready for several years.

In the course of the wide-ranging TV interview, NBC newsman John Chancellor quoted the magazine "New Republic" as saying there are three American divisions being sent to the Middle East or being prepared for the Middle East."

Chancellor then said "we called the Pentagon and got a confirmation on that." He asked Ford "whether this is a contingency plan."

In reply, Ford said "I don't think that I ought to talk about any particular military contingency plans." The President referred to past statements by himself and Secretary of State Henry Kissinger suggesting that U.S. military force would be considered only if strangulation of western economies was threatened by cutoff of oil.

Whirlwind weekend for U.S. tycoons

Jerusalem Post Economic Reporter

A group of 50 top American business leaders, guests of "Time" magazine, left Israel yesterday via a Jordan bridge for Amman airport, where they emplaned for Kuwait.

They had arrived on Thursday, were taken straightaway by helicopter to the Golan, where O/C Northern Command Aluf Rafael Eytan briefed them at Mevo Hama. They lunched at an air base with Defence Minister Peres and Chief of Staff Gur, dined with Prime Minister Rabin at his Tel Aviv home on Thursday evening, and were dinner guests the following evening of Foreign Minister Allon at Kibbutz Ginossar.

The visitors included Lee Iacocca, president of Ford Motors, Eugene Carlson, president of United Airlines, Walter Anderson, president of National Cash Register, Edgar Bronfman, president of Seagrams, and the presidents of Alcoa Aluminium, Deere Tractors and the First National Bank of Chicago. Accompanying the group was Hedley Donovan, Editor-in-Chief of "Time" magazine.

The party are touring nine Middle East countries in two weeks, and will report to President Ford when they return to Washington.

Road skirting Kuneitra closed

Jerusalem Post Reporter

GOLAN HEIGHTS. — Military police recently closed the main road through the demilitarized zone, which connects the southern part of the Golan Heights with the northern part. The road skirts round the town of Kuneitra which had been returned to the Syrians in the separation of forces agreement.

This was done because Israeli civilian traffic to the demilitarized zone passed in some places only about 30 metres from Kuneitra and drivers would get out of their cars to take pictures of the town and sometimes shout at Syrians on the other side.

The only persons allowed from now on to use the road are those working in the demilitarized zone itself. Traffic from the south to the north of the Golan Heights is now detoured via a temporary road outside the demilitarized zone.

Kahane trial to resume without Kahane

The trial of Rabbi Meir Kahane for "incitement to rebellion" will resume in the Jerusalem District Court this week, but with the former Jewish Defence League leader still in the U.S. Judge Ezra Hedaya's decision to permit a defendant free on bail to miss part of his trial is without precedent in Israel.

Rabbi Kahane and co-defendant Joel Lerner are on trial in connection with letters they wrote two years ago to residents of Judea and Samaria, urging these to leave for another country.

Judge Hedaya acted yesterday in response to a request from Rabbi Kahane through his attorney, Aharon Papo of Tel Aviv. The former JDL leader had asked that the trial be held as planned, though his schedule of public appearances in the U.S. and activities in opposition to the PLO would prevent him from attending.

Rabbi Kahane pointed out that in any case he had pleaded guilty to the charges in May 1973, when the trial opened; only "the legal interpretation of the facts and conclusions in the charge are under debate," he said. (Itim)

15 SOUTHWEST SAMARIA villages will soon have a regular supply of drinking water, thanks to a dam constructed near Deir Abu Mash'a with the assistance of the Military Government.

Dayan at Bar-Ilan lecture:

'Israel-Arab contacts always follow wars'

By SRAYA SHAPIRO
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Former Defence Minister Moshe Dayan believes that all contacts between Israel and the Arabs have been the result of war. In the fourth of his current series of lectures at Bar-Ilan University on Thursday, Mr. Dayan said that even such relations as existed between Israel and Egypt between the wars were determined by the wars. No fruitful contact has ever been achieved in the inter-war periods but some sort of direct contact always followed wars, he argued.

The Rhodes armistice agreement with Egypt in 1949, Mr. Dayan said, was possible only because Israel refused to implement a Security Council order for a cease-fire, but agreed to give back all Egyptian territory in Sinai. In 1953, attempts were made to promote peace by evoking the armistice agreement provision that a peace conference could be summoned by a call to any one side; but Jordan, with which the attempt was made first, refused to attend, and the idea was dropped.

In 1954, when Israel sent the Bat Galim to sail through the Suez Canal to test the Security Council resolution that the Canal should be open for Israel shipping, "the result was, in Walter Eytan's words, that the big powers were annoyed at Israel," Mr. Dayan said.

It was Moshe Sharett, then Prime Minister, who insisted on sending the Bat Galim, Dayan said. He wished to use diplomacy to the utmost, instead of rushing to use force. Pinhas Lavon, then Defence Minister, was against the project, "and so was I," said Mr. Dayan, who was then Chief of Staff. But, after six months of diplomatic attempts, Sharett finally decided to make the demonstration. "In the final analysis, we demonstrated our weakness," Mr. Dayan said.

The Egyptians held the Bat Galim and allowed it to return south only after months of delay. They presented no legal grounds, but claimed that Israeli sailors "had shot at Egyptians on the Canal banks."

On another peace-making attempt, Mr. Dayan recalled that President Eisenhower sent a special envoy who shuttled between Jerusalem and Cairo for many months "to try and create a propitious atmosphere for negotiations." But the efforts failed when Nasser, after declaring he wanted peace, refused to see an Israeli envoy (it would have been Moshe Sharett) "for fear of meeting the fate of Abdullah." (The King of Jordan was assassinated because he was reportedly ready to negotiate with Israel.)

The principle of parallel bilateral agreements between the U.S. and Israel and Egypt was tried after 1956, when Israel understood from Secretary of State John Foster Dulles that her right of passage in the Tiran Straits would be protected by a UN force until the General Assembly decided otherwise. But when the case was put to test, Mr. Dayan continued, UN Deputy Secretary-General Ralph Bunche bowed to the Egyptian argument that the promise they had given to Dag Hammarskjoeld did not hold after the Secretary-General's death.

The effort of Secretary of State Rogers and UN Envoy Jarring in 1970 dissolved into thin air, Mr. Dayan said, when both Egypt and Israel gave diverging interpretations to their acceptance of Resolution 242. But after the 1973 war, the disengagement agreement contained a clause assuring Israel of free sea passage through Tiran and Suez. In the past, Egypt had insisted that these waterways were entirely in Egyptian territory and it could deny passage to Israeli vessels.

Port study on Yamit to be ready by summer

By YA'ACOV FRIEDLER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — A Ports Authority team of experts is to present its viability study for a deep water port in the Yamit area to the Government before the start of summer. The Government will then decide the issue on the basis of political, economic and security considerations.

Ports Authority head Aharon Remez told this to the Maritime and Economics Club here on Friday. He said that if Yamit harbour, south of Gaza, were built, it would be unnecessary to enlarge Ashdod Port beyond its present breakwater.

Mr. Remez also said a big boost for the development of Eilat's harbour would result from the construction of a railway to the port. He said the Government had approved in principle an immediate start to detailed planning of the rail route, and that it would seek financing for the project.

He said an enlarged harbour at Eilat, linked to the north by rail, would present a viable alternative to the Suez Canal for oil, container and bulk cargoes. "Eilat with a railway would be a commercial and political alternative to the Canal," he told The Jerusalem Post. "It would also be a factor for peace, as it would undercut the efficacy of an Egyptian threat to close the Canal again," he added.

Mr. Remez detailed the Authority's five-year, IL2,000m. expansion plans for Haifa and Ashdod harbours. He noted that the Authority would finance two-thirds of the investment from its own funds, and was considering issuing securities in Israel and abroad to finance the remaining third.

He said the present economic recession did not affect long-range planning for growth in overseas trade and the harbours must be expanded in time to meet future needs.

Eban: Mideast freeze is an illusion

TEL AVIV. — The idea that there can be any long-term political freeze in the Middle East is a dangerous illusion, Abba Eban M.K. said Friday night over Army Radio. Very soon after signing any interim arrangement, the former Foreign Minister said, Israel would most likely have to enter discussions on an "overall peace."

He added that the latter stage would be reached this year.

As this was the case, Israel should now be clarifying not just the matter of a withdrawal but of a general settlement — possibly by reviving the Geneva talks. On the idea of an interim withdrawal, Mr. Eban noted that Egyptian President Sadat is saying he will give Israel nothing in return. Eban hoped the Egyptian leader held a different position in private.

Mr. Eban repeated his long-standing support of major withdrawals in return for peace, and maintained the Government had committed itself to this on all fronts: "including Judea and Samaria and the Gaza Strip." If the Government maintains it has no such mandate, he continued, it should go to the voters and seek one. (Itim)

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Grant for Jojoba bean research

Jerusalem Post Reporter

BEERSHEBA. — Prof. Haim Vishniak, dean of the Technology Faculty at Ben-Gurion University here, has received a IL90,000 grant from the Bi-National Israel-America Science Foundation for experiments with the Mexican Jojoba shrub, which has outstanding drought-resistant properties.

The seeds of the Jojoba shrub may eventually be used as a source to replace the oil gained from sperm whales, which are close to extinction. Jojoba seed oil can be used for a wide range of purposes, including lubricants for high-speed machinery and the manufacture of polishing waxes, carbon paper and plastics.

3,500 Russians left Israel

By ARTHUR KEMELMAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Jewish Agency chief Pinhas Sapir said on Friday 3,500 Russian immigrants have left Israel in the last three and a half years, out of a total of 100,000. He said total immigration to Israel was 53,000 in 1973, but that this had dropped to 32,000 in 1974. Russian immigration had been 35,000 in 1973, falling to 16,000 in 1974.

Mr. Sapir gave the figures at a meeting with delegates to World Wizo's executive plenary session.

A problem worrying many of the delegates was reflected in the number of questions touching on the matter — the financial scandals that have rocked Israel over the past year. Mr. Sapir said that he had no wish to justify or minimize anything that had not been carried out in accordance with the regulations. But, he said, 99.9 per cent of economic ventures are never mentioned in the newspapers "because nothing negative has happened to them."

Israel Corporation, Mr. Sapir said, had done well, despite the recent setbacks. On one transaction, the Corporation had made $40m. and, he said, Dr. Tibor Rosenbaum had been instrumental in financing that transaction.

Talking to newsmen afterwards, Mr. Sapir denied reports cited in "Ha'aretz" that he had asked Moshe Sanbar, Governor of the Bank of Israel, to refrain from pressing charges against Yehoshua Bension of the Israel-British Bank.

Goldmann is optimistic on aliya

BEN-GURION AIRPORT. — The President of the World Jewish Congress, Dr. Nahum Goldmann, is optimistic on prospects for immigration from the Soviet Union, despite the dispute over the trade agreement between the U.S. and the USSR. "The Russians want to get rid of at least those Jews with national feelings and they can be expected to continue allowing tens of thousands to emigrate each year," he said on Friday.

Dr. Goldmann was speaking on his arrival to attend the plenary assembly of the Congress in Jerusalem next month. He repeated his customary warnings against adopting a line of sharp anti-Soviet propaganda and said he was sure the Ford administration would continue efforts to achieve detente with Moscow.

Dr Goldmann said he was much closer in his views to the Rabin government than previous Cabinets. He expressed agreement with recent statements by Mapam politicians and Mr. Abba Eban and said that although Israel should not recognize the Palestine Liberation Organization now, there would eventually be no option but to negotiate with it. But then the PLO too would have to recognize Israel's right to exist in secure borders. (Itim)

THE "ISRAEL SABRAS" professional basketball team returned on Friday from a three-game losing streak in Germany and Belgium. The American-manned team face Switzerland tomorrow at Tel Aviv's Yad Eliahu sports palace.

Jewish organizations worried

New tax bill may hit Israel fund raising in Britain

By DAVID LENNON
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

LONDON. — Jewish fund raisers are extremely worried these days that a proposed new tax law will mean a virtual end to fund raising for Israel on a large scale if passed unchanged by the House of Commons.

The capital transfer tax section of the new finance bill which is due for its third reading soon sets an upper limit for tax-free donations or gifts at $50,000 in an individual's lifetime. Any sums donated above that figure will be subject to a progressive tax which rises to 75 per cent.

Most of Britain's charities have been battling to have this section either removed from the bill, or amended to exclude genuine charities from its provisions. An indication that they have had some success came last week when Chancellor of the Exchequer Denis Healey announced in the House of Commons that important concessions will be made regarding the tax-free limit on charitable gifts.

It is understood that the changes which Healey was referring to concerned charities collecting and distributing their monies within Britain. It is far from certain that he is also prepared to make concessions for charities which send their money out of Britain to help the needy abroad.

Under the present system any amount of money or assets can be given to a charity during the donor's lifetime without any tax being incurred, provided he does not die during the ensuing 12 months. Many persons used this regulation to set up charitable trusts with their family as beneficiaries and were thus able to pass on their money to their children without it being taxed. The new law is primarily designed to stop this abuse of the law.

The new law, even if not amended, would not have a serious affect on the majority of charities here, because few of them receive large donations running into tens of thousands of pounds. But that is not the case with the Joint Israel Appeal, the main body raising funds for Israel here.

In recent years the JIA has concentrated its efforts almost exclusively on the limited number of people who can donate large sums. The bulk of the money it has raised has come in large donations exceeding £5,000, and not infrequently exceeding £100,000. Some persons will make donations of these proportions every year.

Under the new law many of these donors would use up their lifetime's allowance in a few years.

Fund raisers for Israel are certain that if the bill passes unamended with regard to charities overseas, then fund raising for Israel in Britain will be dealt a blow from which it is unlikely to recover. Even those who feel it's about time the JIA made more of an effort to reach the small donor admit that they could hardly compensate for the loss of the big donations.

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Oil producers want talks with West

Opec heads of state to meet next month

ALGIERS. — The Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (Opec) agreed at a high-level political meeting yesterday to hold an oil producers' summit next month in preparation for energy talks with the West.

Opec officials said the exact date of the meeting of Opec heads of state would be announced today. The summit will probably be held in Algiers at the end of February, Iranian Oil Minister Jamshid Amouzegar said. He added that the heads of state would discuss all matters relating to oil, including the recycling of petro-dollars. Opec's 13 members produce 85 per cent of world oil exports.

Opec officials said there would be no change in the price of oil at the forthcoming summit. The price of a barrel of oil was frozen last month at $10.12 a barrel until October 1.

The decision to hold the summit was taken at a five-hour closed meeting yesterday of foreign, finance and oil ministers of the 13 Opec member countries.

Amouzegar said on Friday that the majority of Opec members favoured U.S. Secretary of State Kissinger's proposal for bilateral energy talks between the oil producers and the industrial nations of the West.

House panel votes to block Ford fuel plan

By JOSEPH KRAFT

PRESIDENT FORD looked like leadership personified for a couple of days last week as he stood up and battled the Congress on behalf of fast action on energy. But it quickly became clear that Ford stood on weak ground as the House Ways and Means Committee voted to block the President's proposed tariff increase on fuel.

At the centre of all the energy politics is Ford's own programme. It provides for levies on crude oil — first foreign and then domestic — which would raise an estimated $30b. a year in new revenues. That money would be channelled back into the economy in various ways, including a tax cut to individuals and corporations, and a programme to stimulate development of new sources of energy.

The programme is so complicated that no ordinary person can pretend to grasp it in full. But certain weaknesses are manifest.

It has a serious inflationary bias because it raises the prices for all products and services dependent upon petroleum. It tends to have, at least at first, a depressant effect on the economy because large amounts of money are taken from the spending stream immediately and only returned later. It does little to discourage gasoline consumption where the greatest conservation is possible. It seems to have no regular provision for giving help to industries especially dependent upon petroleum — notably airlines.

Application of the tariff on foreign oil is going to drive up fuel prices everywhere—especially in New England, which is heavily dependent on imports. Millions of Americans, already suffering from a recession and stretched into debt by inflation, are going to be hit again. Elected officials, especially Democrats, will be able to satisfy their constituents simply by being against the Ford proposals.

Already Senators Edward Kennedy and Henry Jackson have lined up impressive support — including that of several Republicans — for a resolution which would block the President's power to levy a tariff on oil.

The U.S. House of Representatives Ways and Means Committee voted on Friday to block Ford's oil import tariff increase for 90 days, to boost the Federal debt limit to a record $531 billion through mid-year and to link the two proposals in what may be a virtually veto-proof bill.

What all this means is that grappling with the Congress on energy is a no-win game for Ford. He is working against a background of economic distress. If that distress is not alleviated, he will — not wrongly — catch most of the blame, and it will do him precious little good to rail against the Democrats on rationing.

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Please note that the dates of concerts are as given above, and not as previously advertised.

Russia becomes world's biggest oil producer

MOSCOW (Reuter). — The Soviet Union has surpassed the U.S. to become the world's biggest oil producer. According to official figures published here yesterday, oil output in the Soviet Union rose to 459 million tons last year.

But 1974 witnessed the collapse of the Soviet Union's effort to give priority to the consumer sector of production over heavy industry in the current five-year-plan.

In general, the annual review of the Central Statistical Administration pointed to slow but steady growth of production, falling short of the five-year targets but surpassing the scaled down targets announced at the end of 1973.

The figures, which appeared last night in the Government newspaper "Izvestia," indicated a continuing gradual economic recovery following serious setbacks registered in 1972. But in the consumer section, growth was only 7.2 per cent over 1973, compared with a scaled-down target of 7.5 per cent and a figure of 8.7 per cent envisaged in the original five-year plan.

Dr. K. visits Nixon

SAN CLEMENTE (Reuter). — Secretary of State Henry Kissinger arrived here by helicopter Friday afternoon to have dinner with former President Nixon. Dr. Kissinger and his wife Nancy flew to Mr. Nixon's Pacific Ocean villa from Los Angeles, where the Secretary of State addressed the Los Angeles World Affairs Council.

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Uganda businessmen were rounded up last week on government orders and publicly flogged for alleged overcharging and hoarding. The round-up was order ed by President Amin. (AP radiophoto)

Four die in NY blast

Puerto Rican group bombs landmark

NEW YORK. — Mayor Abraham Beame has ordered a full-scale manhunt for the bombers who blew up a private luncheon club in the Wall Street financial district on Friday, leaving four people dead and more than 40 injured.

A group of Puerto Rican nationalists calling themselves the FALN — Spanish initials for the "armed forces of national liberation" — claimed responsibility for the blast, which ripped through the exclusive Anglers and Tarpon Club, next door to historic Fraunces Tavern.

Beame mobilized the city's police department and other agencies to hunt down the killers. He was promised assistance by the FBI.

A back, ground floor dining room in Fraunces Tavern was "a shambles," although the rest of the landmark building apparently was undamaged.

Built in 1719 and restored near the turn of the century, Fraunces Tavern was the scene on December 4, 1783, of George Washington's tearful farewell to the officers who served under him in the Revolutionary War. It is about 400 yards from the New York Stock Exchange.

The explosion sprayed razor-sharp shards of glass on passers-by thronging the narrow streets on their lunch hour.

FALN members previously have planted bombs in the metropolitan area, but previous blasts have not caused any fatalities. Later, police recovered a note in which the FALN claimed the bombing was in retaliation for the "CIA ordered" murder of two young Puerto Rican revolutionaries.

(AP, Reuter)

Soyuz men well after two weeks

MOSCOW (AP). — Two cosmonauts entered their third week in space yesterday, spending the day in relative relaxation, Tass reported. The news agency said Commander Alexei Gubarev and Georgy Grechko are in good health, and systems of the Salyut 4 orbiting space station are "functioning normally."

The spacemen spent their 14th day aboard the station inspecting systems, exercising and resting, Tass said.

The two 43-year-old cosmonauts left earth in their Soyuz 17 spacecraft on January 11 and boarded the space laboratory the following day. There has been no indication of when their mission is scheduled to end.

Algeria protests Beirut criticism

BEIRUT (Reuter). — Algeria yesterday lodged a formal protest with Lebanon, alleging an anti-Algerian press campaign, reliable sources said here.

The Algerian ambassador here asked the Lebanese Foreign Minister to file law suits against certain Lebanese newspapers which had published articles about Algeria and its leaders, the sources said.

Algerian sources said the articles were similar to those which appeared in some French newspapers recently, particularly at the time when Algerian foreign minister Abdelaziz Boutefiika was president of the U.N. General Assembly session.

this week at the israel museum jerusalem

Tue., 28.1.75 6 & 8.30 p.m. ART FILM CLUB: "The Mad Adventures of Rabbi Jacob" (France/Italy, 1973) by Gérard Oury. Please buy tickets in advance.
Wed., 29.1.75 8 p.m. The Bentinck Art History Lecture Series (Hebrew with slides and art films): "Art in Santa Catherina" (C) "The Manuscripts" Prof. Bezalel Narkiss, Chairman, Dept. of Art History, Hebrew University. Tickets: IL1.- (non-members IL3.-).

EXHIBITIONS
10 Paintings from the Collection of Jan Reichwarger; Old Master Prints: Durer, Rembrandt and others, the Charles Rosenbloom bequest (first part); Maris Bishofs — Exhibition within an Exhibition — Cartoons: Our pupils at Work, 1974; Views of Earth — Photographs; Impressionist Prints & Drawings. Centennial of the first Impressionist Show; Ilan Mann — Paintings, Drawings, Prints; Picasso's "Guernica" — a Protest Against Wars; American Art — From the Museum's Collection; "Past and Present" — the J. Mitchell Gift to the Israel Museum; AGI — Graphics and the Community.
EXHIBITION OF THE MONTH
Two bronze oil lamps in the shape of animal heads. Special exhibit at Rockefeller: Ossuaries from Jewish burial caves recently excavated in Jerusalem.
VISITING HOURS
Israel Museum: Sun., Mon., Wed., Thur.
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Shrine of the Book and 10 a.m.-10 p.m.
Billy Rose Art Garden
Museum 4 p.m.-10 p.m.
Rockefeller Museum: Sun., Mon., Tue., Wed., Thur. 10 a.m.-5 p.m.
Israel Museum & Rockefeller: Fri., Sat. 10 a.m.-2 p.m.
LIBRARY OPEN: Sun., Mon., Wed., Thur., 10 a.m.-2 p.m.
Tue. 4 p.m.-8 p.m.

Amin: No civilian rule because of corruption

KAMPALA. — Gen. Idi Amin celebrated the fourth anniversary of his seizure of power in Uganda yesterday and said he would not return the country to civilian rule in the foreseeable future.

"I am not able at this moment to hand back the reins of government to politicians because corruption is still rampant among civilians and we... cannot deliver the affairs of state into the hands of corrupt politicians," Amin said in a statement broadcast over Uganda Radio.

The highlight of three days of celebrations to mark the occasion was a march past of some 10,000 civilian and military units yesterday. These included detachments of the "suicide command" of the air force and the army's "suicide regiment."

Amin, dressed in an air force general's blue uniform bedecked with medals, took the salute, but he cancelled without explanation an announced display of his latest Russian military weapons, including tanks.

All four of Uganda's daily newspapers carried on their front page Friday a photograph identified as former Foreign Minister Princess Elizabeth Bagaaya of Toro posing in the nude. The newspapers were acting on the instructions of the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting.

The same photograph was shown on Uganda television Thursday evening. Princess Elizabeth, a lawyer and one-time fashion model was dismissed from her post as Foreign Minister last November by President Amin "in the interest of national security." He accused her of making love with an unknown European in a toilet at Orly Airport, on her way home from the UN General Assembly. *(UPI, AP)*

Dr. Donald Coggan sits in the St. Augustine Chair in Canterbury Cathedral during his enthronement as the 101st Archbishop of Canterbury on Friday. (AP radiophoto)

Heavy security as UK archbishop is enthroned

CANTERBURY (AP). — Dr. Donald Coggan was enthroned Friday as Archbishop of Canterbury amid tight police security against a possible terrorist attack in Canterbury Cathedral.

The new Archbishop told Christians that they must end their divisions and sacrifice more to help the poor. "We must grow till our arms get right round the world. The world desperately needs loving," he said.

The cathedral precincts were ringed by uniformed police with Alsatian dogs in the wake of Irish Republican bombings and other unsolved explosions and shootings in Britain, recently. Nobody was allowed near the cathedral for several days without a special pass.

The enthronement ceremony, a 90-minute spectacle of ancient ritual, was the first attended by envoys of the Vatican in the 400 years since the Church of England denied papal supremacy and broke with Roman Catholicism. Most other Christian churches also sent representatives.

Dr. Coggan, 65, former Bishop of Bradford and Archbishop of York is the 101st archbishop in direct line of succession from St. Augustine, who was enthroned in this city in 597 C.E.

In the congregation were three members of the Royal Family — Prince Charles, the heir to the throne, Princess Margaret, and the Duchess of Kent. They came as private individuals, since the Queen by tradition does not attend the enthronement nor is she officially represented.

Stonehouse says 'I won't return'

LONDON (AP). — Runaway British M.P. John Stonehouse said on Friday that he will not return to Britain from Australia to give evidence to a parliamentary committee considering his future.

Stonehouse, 49, a former Labour Government minister, was discovered four weeks ago living under a false name in Melbourne, after disappearing in Miami, Florida, in October.

"I don't want to leave Australia," he told a BBC interviewer. He said he would give the House of Commons' committee "the fullest possible information" in writing, "or if any Members of Parliament want to come here I would be delighted to meet them."

Stonehouse is still officially an M.P. on full pay and Labour Party leaders have demanded his resignation. Without his vote, the Labour Government's overall majority in the Commons is only one.

Stonehouse, who has said he staged his disappearance because of business pressures, is awaiting an Australian Government decision on whether he will be allowed to settle there. The position is complicated since, as a member of the British Parliament, he would not require any Australian entry documents.

11 die as ship sinks

LAND'S END, England (UPI). — A 1,000-ton British freighter, the Lovat, sank in a gale and heavy seas off the south-west coast yesterday and the coastguard said at least 11 of the 13 crewmen perished.

Helicopters and rescue vessels pulled five men alive from the Atlantic, but three died on the way to hospital.

U.K. stocks boom

LONDON (AP). — The boom on London's stock exchange gathered momentum Friday as blue chip issues soared through the psychologically important 200-point barrier on the "Financial Times" index.

Brokers were jubilant as the buying bonanza added £1.33 billion (about IL18b.) to market values by mid-day. It was the third straight day of sharp increases in prices.

Brokers attributed the sudden return of confidence in the market to the growing belief that Britain's Labour Government is determined to curb inflation.

U.S. banks cut rates

NEW YORK (AP). — Three of America's largest commercial banks lowered their prime lending rates on Friday. The Bank of America, the largest, cut its prime from 10 per cent to 9.5 per cent.

First National City Bank, second largest, and Morgan Guaranty Trust, fifth largest, lowered their primes from 9.75 per cent to 9.5 per cent. The changes are effective tomorrow.

Italian workers get pay increase

ROME (AP). — Three months of on-and-off strikes by Italy's 3½ million industrial workers have ended, with an agreement between the country's three major unions and the national manufacturers' association for wage increases of $18 a month.

The accord, reached late on Friday, also increases family allowances and will double cost-of-living bonuses for low-income workers.

Italy was hit by 25 per cent inflation last year.

The agreement followed a nationwide strike on Thursday.

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'Get tougher with the West or quit'

Brezhnev gives in to hardliners

By LAJOS LEDERER

LONDON (Ofns). — Leonid Brezhnev has it survived the gravest conflict in the Kremlin since he became First Secretary of the Communist Party after the fall of Nikita Khrushchev in 1964.

The crisis, which is basically over Soviet policy of detente with the West, reached its climax, according to a high-level East European source, at a secret meeting of the Politbureau on December 19. It was at this meeting, the source stated, that Brezhnev was presented with an ultimatum by the hard-line wing of the leadership, which has gained considerable influence recently, calling on him to change the policy of rapprochement with the West or quit.

It appears from this account that Brezhnev was completely unprepared for this challenge and escaped being ousted only by promptly accepting his opponents' demands.

The report of this dramatic meeting in the Kremlin gives the first plausible clue to the strange developments which have taken place in Moscow in the last few weeks, where conditions appear to be getting more and more reminiscent of the long summer of 1964 before the removal of Khrushchev.

It is highly significant that Brezhnev's disappearance from the public eye followed immediately after this crucial meeting. There seem to be two unmistakable conclusions: first, that he is ill, but his illness is believed to be the direct result of the crisis in the leadership and not the other way round; and secondly, that although he has retained his position as leader of the party, his influence has been severely curbed, which in turn has led to continued instability at the top.

His illness initiated an avalanche of speculation in the West, suggesting that he is suffering from leukaemia or even, according to a Warsaw source, that he had a heart attack. These reports of a fatal illness are discounted by informed East European diplomats in Moscow.

Brezhnev is known to have suffered since childhood from a nervous disease which occurs the moment he is faced with threats or confrontation, causing severe pain in his head.

Instead of meeting the challenge head on, Brezhnev apparently prefers to withdraw and sulk. This happened in Belgrade in 1966 during critical talks with President Tito, again in 1968, when he faced the rebellious Czechoslovak leader Alexander Dubcek in Cierna, and recently in Paris, when President Giscard d'Estaing upset him.

It would be wrong to conclude that his prolonged silence is entirely due to this conflict among the leadership. He may have decided or has been advised to wait to see the effect of the cancellation of his trip to Cairo and, more important, the rejection of the U.S. trade pact, leaving scope for American and other reactions before he speaks again.

Whatever the Western reaction will be, it seems that the understanding that existed between Moscow and Washington only six months ago has gone with the wind. This is bound to have far-reaching repercussions in East-West relations, with the danger that the Kremlin may return to a more militarist and aggressive policy.

Rockefeller gets hostile reception in Lebanon

BEIRUT (AP). — Chase Manhattan Bank chairman David Rockefeller arrived to a hostile press welcome in Beirut on Friday in the course of his Middle East tour.

"The double-faced Rockefeller's here," said a front-page headline in the Beirut newspaper "Al-Moharrer," which supports Arab terrorists.

The paper criticized what it claimed were Rockefeller's recent statements in Israel on "the status of Jerusalem's Arab sector and on expanding Chase Manhattan's operations in Israel." Rockefeller did not make such statements.

Another Beirut newspaper, the independent "Al-Anwar," also has been campaigning against Rockefeller, claiming his "pro-Israel" statements should be countered with a joint Arab retaliation.

In addition to Israel, Rockefeller visited Egypt, Saudi Arabia and Jordan before coming to Lebanon. Chase has branches in Lebanon, Jordan, the United Arab Emirates, and Oman and plans to open a branch in Egypt soon, but reportedly has no plans for a branch in Israel.

Bangladesh becomes one-party state

DACCA (Reuter). — Sheikh Mujibur Rahman became President of the republic of Bangladesh yesterday after Parliament by a sweeping majority replaced the country's constitution by a one-party presidential form of government.

Sheikh Mujib, 54, in a valedictory speech to Parliament as Premier, described the constitutional change as a second revolution designed "to bring a smile to the face of the common man."

He said he had experimented for the last three years with a constitution which gave some people unbridled liberty. He described the constitution as a "legacy of colonial rule which cannot run a country having an individual identity and inspiration."

The newly-amended constitution provides for the president to be chosen by direct election after every five years. There will be a vice-president and a council of ministers headed by a prime minister who will be responsible to the president. The country's entire executive power will be vested in the president who will exercise it through the vice-president and the council of ministers.

The new constitution dissolved all existing political parties and gave the president powers to form a national party to be named by him later. The amendment to the constitution was adopted by 294 Members of Parliament while five opposition members walked out in protest.

A state of emergency was declared in Bangladesh on December 28 last year, when all political activities were suspended, strikes banned and fundamental rights curtailed. A proclamation said extreme measures were necessary to contain internal subversion, lawlessness and secret killings.

Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, now President.

Bangladesh won its independence from Pakistan after the brief war of December, 1971, between India and Pakistan.

In recent months, the infant nation of 75 million people has been hit by famine, floods, drought and steeply rising prices. According to Sheikh Mujib, the situation was aggravated by underground elements trying to disturb the peace.

He told Parliament a change in the constitution was needed to halt the activities of "a hotbed of international cliques."

Sheikh Mujib's Awami League party won 291 parliamentary seats in the March, 1973, general election, with opposition parties and independents taking only eight. In October, 1973, the Awami League formed an alliance with the pro-Moscow National Awami Party and the Communist Party.

Thousands of villagers leave Fatahland, demand better conditions from Beirut

HUJAYOUN, Southern Lebanon. — Three thousand Lebanese villagers who have fled their homes near Israel hit terrorist centres for refusing Government offers of food and money, saying they want proper shelter and protection.

Nearly half the villagers are living in overcrowded, unsanitary conditions in three schools in Marjayoun, a district centre in the Arqub region, also known as Fatahland, which Israel pounded with artillery last week.

Some 2,500 people have fled Shuba, leaving it a ghost village on the slopes of Mount Hermon.

Others were still moving their possessions out of the neighbouring villages of Hamam, Rashaya el-Fakhar, Habbariyeh and Freidis yesterday.

At least three Beirut newspapers have started fund-raising campaigns for the rebuilding of Shuba, and the Ba'athists have put up one million Lebanese pounds (about $70m.) for reconstruction.

Hamam, the village next to Shuba, was deserted yesterday by all but about 10 of its 300 inhabitants. The other villagers in the neighbourhood are gradually leaving, according to Reuters.

In Beirut, a ranking Palestinian terrorist leader has condemned the Arab states for not adequately financing the sabotage movement, and said they should also open their frontiers to ease the pressure the terrorists are now facing in Fatahland.

Salah Khalaf — "Abu Iyad" — the number-two man in Fatah, told a group of Jordanian students on Friday that the terrorists have received only a small portion of the $50m. which the Arab states promised to give "for the rebuilding and fortification of the Palestinian refugee camps."

Commenting on the recent clashes in south Lebanon, he said Israel was "out to liquidate the resistance movement."

Meanwhile, two Beirut newspapers said on Friday the USSR had offered to supply Lebanon with three surface-to-air Sam missile networks for "defence against Israeli attacks."

The independent French-language newspaper "L'Orient-Le Jour" and the leftist "As-Safir" both said the offer was conveyed to Lebanese President Suleiman Franjieh by Soviet Ambassador Alexander Soldatov on Thursday.

The newspapers said Moscow offered to install a Sam network on Lebanon's southern border. Another missile network was offered to guard Lebanon's Mediterranean Coast and a third to protect the country's vital installations in Beirut and other major cities, the newspapers said.

Government spokesmen declined to comment on the report. But Prime Minister Rashid Solh was quoted as saying without elaboration the Soviet Union has made "an important offer, characterized by easy facilities" to Lebanon. Solh was present at the Presidential Palace meeting, during which Soldatov was reported to have conveyed the Kremlin's offer. The meeting was held at Soldatov's urgent request.

OFNS, quoting Beirut Government sources, says Lebanese troops have been getting instruction on how to use American anti-tank missiles at U.S. installations in West Germany for several weeks now. The training in the deployment of the missiles is linked to Washington's new decision to sell sophisticated weapons to Lebanon.

The site of the training base in West Germany has not been disclosed. *(Agencies)*

Wilson, Ford to discuss Mid-East

LONDON (AP). — Prime Minister Harold Wilson flies to see U.S. President Gerald Ford next week, convinced that American diplomacy is heading off chances of a new Arab-Israeli war.

The British appraisal, reported by high-level Government sources, is that the Ford Administration's step-by-step approach may yield a separate, new Egyptian-Israeli accord.

Such a development, in the British view, then would make the convening of Geneva peace talks inevitable, with Palestinians, Jordanians and Syrians taking part.

During a two-day conference in Washington, Wilson and Foreign Secretary James Callaghan also intend assessing with their American counterparts the status of the Soviet leadership.

The British do not rule out the possibility that Leonid Brezhnev's days may be numbered.

Wilson and Callaghan, who are due to visit Moscow in mid-February, have yet to hear if Brezhnev will be receiving them.

Keating: 'War no solution'

NEW YORK (AP). — Kenneth Keating, U.S. Ambassador to Israel, said here on Friday that a military solution to the Middle East conflict was "unachievable and unthinkable."

Four wars in 25 years have brought no political solution, he said, adding: "This fundamental reality provides a basis for discussions that may lead to the permanent solution of the dispute.

"Israel must live — its existence is not negotiable," but just about everything else is negotiable, he said.

"With compromise," he said, "it is possible to take into account every issue — Israel's legitimacy and security; the sovereignty of Israel's neighbours; the legitimate interests of the Palestinians."

Dutch conscripts are best paid in world

THE HAGUE (AP). — Dutch Army conscripts' pay has been raised to the equivalent of $295 a month the Defence Ministry announced yesterday. This makes them the highest paid conscripts in the world the Ministry said.

Emergency declared in Malagasy

TANANARIVE (Reuter). — The head of state of the Malagasy Republic, General Gabriel Ramanantsoa, yesterday announced the dissolution of the island's government because "like all the countries of the world at present, our nation is currently going through a difficult period.

"In the face of these difficulties I have felt that my government needs new vitality," the general said in a radio broadcast, which followed press reports of an abortive coup.

The general proclaimed a state of emergency.

"I have also decided to dissolve the present government. The new one will be installed without delay and will take up its duties as soon as possible."

Until then, the previous ministers would stay at their posts in a caretaker capacity.

Reports said that an attempted coup against the army-dominated government was led by General Ramanantsoa's military adviser.

UK court ban on Syria film

LONDON (Reuter). — The High Court here has banned the use of film sequences made by Independent Television News (ITN) due to be included in a pro-Arab film.

The two film clips lasting less than two minutes had been included in a 23-minute film called: "Kuneitra, Death of a City," made for an organization called the "American Peace Committee," Justice Megarry was told in the High Court on Friday.

The film was scheduled for showing at a London cinema tomorrow before the Egyptian and Syrian ambassadors here.

ITN's counsel said use of the ITN sequences could damage the company's legal duty of impartiality.

The judge made an injunction stopping infringement of ITN's copyright in the sequences, against agents for the film's owners as well as the film's director Richard Morse and producer Tito Howard.

Rebel attacks to cut Phnom Penh continue

PHNOM PENH (UPI). — Rebel gunners blasted Phnom Penh's airport with rockets yesterday and ground troops attacked two strategic towns along the Mekong River on the 26th day of a Communist drive to seal off the capital.

Fourteen rockets hit Pochentong Airport, 11 kilometres outside the city, on Friday night and early yesterday despite heavy government air strikes against nearby Communist bases, military sources said.

The rebels also shelled government troops and refugee camps on the northern edge of Phnom Penh yesterday, killing one civilian and wounding 14.

The last food and ammunition supplies into Phnom Penh arrived on Thursday, when two barges escorted by Cambodian gunboats sailed up the Mekong from South Vietnam under heavy fire from rebel gunners. The rest of a 10-barge convoy was forced to run back.

The first commercial plane to leave Phnom Penh since Thursday took off for Saigon yesterday morning with more than 60 passengers who had been stranded by earlier rocket barrages.

Other commercial airlines have decided to postpone all flights to Phnom Penh because of the tightened Communist stranglehold around the capital.

In South Vietnam, Communist gunners fired 15 rockets into the provincial capital of Xuan Loc yesterday, killing one soldier and three civilians and wounding 15 people.

The Military Command said 323 Communists and 41 government soldiers were killed in 112 shellings and 13 ground attacks from dawn on Friday to dawn yesterday. Another 151 government soldiers were reported wounded.

Sheikh wants to buy the Alamo

SAN ANTONIO, Texas (AP). — Sheikh Masoud al-Sharif al-Hamdan of Saudi Arabia wants to buy the Alamo, the public shrine to this American state's independence from Mexico, and present it as a gift to his son.

"My son learned how to fly in San Antonio. He used to visit the Alamo and he loved it," the "San Antonio News" quoted the Sheikh as writing to a Houston lawyer. "Please contact the proper people and see if we can buy it. I want to present it as a gift to my son."

The lawyer said he would write the Sheikh explaining the difficulty of his request. "I'll suggest to him to think of something else, maybe a Texas cattle ranch, to present to his son," he said.

The son was in Texas under a programme in which foreign military officers train at American bases.

Sudan Minister sacked

KHARTOUM (UPI). — President Jaafar Numeiri yesterday dismissed Finance Minister Sayed Ibrahim Nuniiem Mansour and two of his aides, after charges of corruption in the ministry were made by Parliament. The People's Assembly said corruption was involved when the Ministry granted a licence to seven local businessmen to operate a new import and export company.

Arab envoy buys 007 castle

LONDON (AP). — The Ambassador of the United Arab Emirates in London has paid more than £500,000 (IL7 million) for an 18th-century English castle used in the James Bond film "Casino Royale." Mereworth Castle, near Tonbridge, Kent, which is surrounded by 385 acres of woodlands and gardens, was sold by financier William Robinson, who acquired Mereworth for £200,000 in 1968 from the Duke of Devonshire's family.

S. Africa's 'new deal' keeps Parliament white

CAPE TOWN (AP). — Prime Minister John Vorster has agreed to lower some racial bars for South Africa's two million coloureds and 600,000 Indians and review government discrimination against the 18 million black Africans. But he refused to grant any of the non-white groups representation in the nation's all-white Parliament. Whites make up about 19 per cent of the population.

Details of what the local press calls a "new deal" followed three days of meetings with leaders of the three major non-white groups in Cape Town.

Vorster said in a radio interview on Friday night that the discussions with the non-white leaders had been among the most constructive and fruitful that he had yet held with them.

At least one of the black South African leaders, Chief Gatsha Buthelezi of the Zulu homeland, emerged from the meeting on Wednesday visibly angry and warned that blacks might resort to strikes and civil disobedience unless "meaningful" changes were made.

Vorster promised his cabinet would discuss in detail plans for the "systematic and orderly elimination of unnecessary and irritating race-discrimination measures."

This is widely meant to refer to "petty apartheid" — regulations such as "whites only" signs on park benches, separate elevators, taxis, buses, restaurants, toilets and building entrances for whites and non-whites.

Several cities, notably Johannesburg, have already opened up libraries and public parks and benches to all races in initial efforts to eliminate petty apartheid.

Vorster agreed in principle to extend the powers and functions of the Coloured Representative Council (CRC), a body of elected and appointed coloureds representing people of mixed race.

But Vorster reiterated his long-standing view that an integrated Parliament is unacceptable and would lead to "political chaos."

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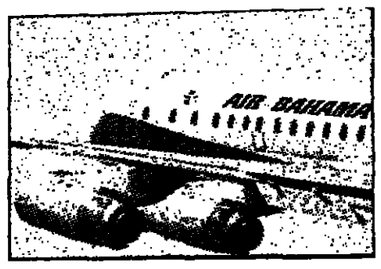

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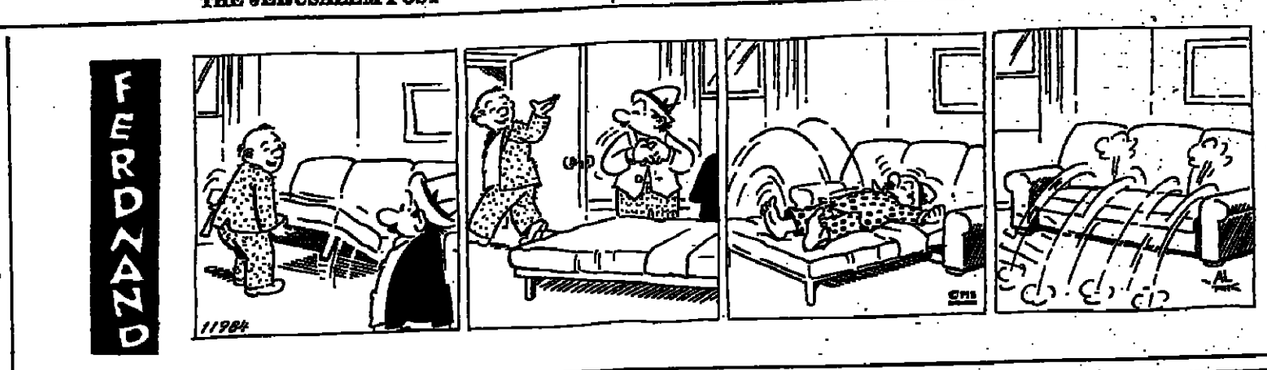

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ARNON: None but the Brave; **CHEN:** Tedious; **EDEN:** Inside Job; **EDISON:** The Concrete Jungle; **HABIRAH:** Juggernaut; **JERUSALEM:** Cat Ballou, 7 & 9; **MITCHELL:** Two Tales of Love; **ORGIL:** Le Distrait; **ORION:** The Dagger of Ice; **ORNA:** The Odessa File, 4, 6.30 & 9; **RON:** I'll cry tomorrow; **SEMADAR:** Gone with the Wind, 8.

TEL AVIV
4.30, 7.15, 9.30
ALLENBY: Walking Tall; **BEN YEHUDA:** Freebie and the Bean; **CINEMA ONE:** The Taking of Pelham One Two Three; **CINEMA TWO:** The Conversation, 10, 12, 2, 4, 6, 8 & 10; **CINERAMA:** Mr. Majestyk, 7.15 & 9.30; **DEKEL:** The Odessa File, 7.15 & 9.30; **ESTHER:** The Klansman; **GAT:** Crazy Sex; **GORDON:** The Pedestrian; **OHEN:** Nightmare Honeymoon; **DRIVE-IN:** Snowwhite come back at 5; Le Mur de l'Atlantique at 7.15; Bus Angie run at 9.45; **HOD:** Borsalino and Company; **MAXIM:** The Candy snatchers; **PEER:** O lucky Man, 6 & 9; **ORLY:** A warm December; **RAMAT AVIV:** Lepke, 7.15 & 9.30; **TCHELET:** Savage Messiah; **LIMOR:** Camille 2000; **OPHIR:** The man who loved Cat Dancing; **The man who loved Cat Dancing; MOGRABI:** The Odessa File, 4.30, 7 & 9.30; **TEL AVIV:** Paulo il caldo; **STUDIO:** Murder on the Orient Express, 4.30, 7 & 9.30; **PARIS:** L'Amour d'apres midi, 10, 12, 2, 4, 7.15 & 9.30; **ZAFON:** Impossible Object.

HAIFA
AMPHITHEATRE: Dirty Mary— Crazy Larry; **ARMON:** Timoderbolt and Lightfoot; **ATZMON:** Deux Hommes dans la ville; **BEIT ROTHSCHILD:** Tue. at 6.45 & 9, Mon. & Wed. at 9 Dual, Sun. at 9.15 Focus, Thur. at 8.45 Leak, Fliver; **CHEN:** Sleeper; **MIRON:** Maid in Sweden; **MORIAH:** The Priest's Wife; **ORAH:** The Venial Sin; **ORDAN:** Deliverance; **ORION:** Furious Dragon; **ORLY:** Avanti; **PEER:** Don Juan '73; **RON:** Sleuth; **SHAVIT:** Wait until Dark.

RAMAT GAN
ARMON: American Graffiti; **HADAR:** Le Mouton enrage; **LILI:** Sin at 7.15 & 9.30, Heroes of the World at 4; **ORDEA:** The Seduction; **OASIS:** Juggernaut; **RAMA:** Swedish Fly Girls; **RAMAT GAN:** Verdict.

PETAH TIKVA
SHALOM: The Lady with the red helmet at 7 & 9, Shimshon against the Syrians at 3.30

HERZLIYA
TIFERET: Busting; **DAVID:** Marseilles Contract.

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FIRST PROGRAMME
256, 322 and 221 M.
7.58 a.m. Opening. 8.10 "Morning Concert" — Handel: Concerto Grosso No.6; C.P.E. Bach: Concerto for 4 Harpsichord; Mozart: Piano Concerto in B-Flat (V. Ashkenazi). 9.05 Arensky: Trio, op. 32 (Haifetz-Piatigorski-Pennario); Poulenc: Sonata (Eden-Tamir); Faure: Impromptu (Macdonald, Harp). 10.05 Glazunov: Symphony No.8 (Chaikin); Ravel: "Alborada del Grazioso" (Martinon). 11.00 News in easy Hebrew. 11.05 Ivrit La'am. 11.15 Programmes for Elementary Schools. 11.40 Song and Melody. 12.15 Programmes for Elementary Schools. 12.35 Schumann: Eight Fantasy Pieces, op. 12 (A. Saidam). 1.05 Midday Concert — Rossini: Introduction, Theme & Variations, for Clarinet & Orch. (David Glaser); Prokofiev: Symphony No.4 (Rostdesvensky). 2.10 Mother and Child. 3.05 "Radiodea" — Improving your Knowledge. 3.30 Literature. 3.50 Book Review. 4.10 A Moment of Hebrew. 4.11 "Musica Viva" — Abel Ehrlich: Music for Cello; Odoen Partos: Ballada for Cello; Abraham Daus: Sonnet No.12, for Cello Solo; Yehuda Wohl: Three Songs for Narrator & Orch. 5.10 Music for Sunday (Stereo) Pablo Casals: "El Pessebre" — Finale; Palestrina: Motets.
6.05 People and Figures. 6.30 "Am Israel Hai." 6.50 A. Allon's Corner. 6.55 For the Farmer. 7.05 "Today." 7.25 Light Music. 7.50 Bible Reading: Yirmyahu, chaps 5 and 6. 8.05 Radio Chess Competition. 8.07 IPO — Mehta — "The Messiah," excerpts. 9.25 Music Has Many Answers. 10.05 Curtain Up. 11.05 Mendelssohn: String Quartet in E-Flat; Martinu: Piano Quartet No.1. 12.10 A Moment of Poetry. 12.13 Close Down.

SECOND PROGRAMME
457, 423, 249, 355 and 340 M.
5.58 Opening. 6.00 Religious Service. 6.10 Exercises. 6.20 Musical Clock. 6.55 Programme Announcements. 6.59 A Moment of Hebrew. 7.05 This Morning. 7.35 "Hebrew Songs." 7.55 Green Light. 8.10 Announcements. 8.15 "Good Morning." 8.55 "Names and Events on the Headlines." 9.05 "Good Morning" (cont.) 10.05 "Here at Home." 11.40 Where to go and light music. 12.05 Programme for the Worker and the Employer. 12.30 Hebrew Songs. 1.05 p.m. "At Midday." 2.10 Requests. 3.52 "Names and Events in the Jewish Scene." 4.10 A Moment of Hebrew. 4.11 Foreign Hit Parade. 4.30 S. Rosen's Quiz. 4.35 Hit Parade. 5.55 "Traffic Signal." 6.05 Hit Parade (cont.) 6.45 Today's Sport. 6.55 Announcements. 9.05 "What I Like." 10.05 "From Me Mani." 11.05 Old Favourites. 1.05 Close Down.

ISRAEL TELEVISION SERVICE
5.30 News. 5.32 "Tom Brown's Schooldays." 8.00 Youth Magazine. 8.30 Mabat 9.00 "The Ascent of Man" — "The Drive for Power." 9.50 "Strange Report." 10.40 News.
Educational: 9.05 English 5. 9.25 Citizenship 7. 10.00 English 9. 10.20 Science 6. 10.45 French. 11.05 Literature 7-9. 11.25 Maths 5. 12.00 English 10. 12.20 Advice and Guidance 9. 12.40 Technical Drawing 9. 1.00 Biology 9. 1.25 Chess-Lesson 14. 4.00 Handiwork. 4.20 English 8. 4.40 Chess-Lesson 14. 5.00 Electricity.
Arabic: 6.30 News. 6.32 "Samy and Susu." 7.00 Documentary — "The River." 7.30 News and Weekly Magazine.

FIFTH PROGRAMME
455 M.
6.58 Opening. 7.00 News. 7.05 Song and Melody. 8.00 News. 8.05 Song and Melody.

IMMIGRANTS' HOUR
458, 323, 258, 355 and 340 M.
7.00 p.m. News in easy Hebrew. Ivrit La'am. 7.15 Georgian. 7.30 Yiddish. 8.00 Ladino. 8.15 Mograbi. 8.30 Rumanian 8.45 Russian. 9.00 Close Down.

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7.00 a.m. (4th programme and short waves); 1.30-2.00 p.m. (4th programme and short waves); 6.00 p.m. (4th programme); 8.30-8.45 (4th programme); 10.00-10.55 p.m. (short waves).

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7.15 a.m. (4th programme and short waves); 2.00-2.30 p.m. (4th programme and short waves); 6.05 (4th programme); 8.45-9.00 (4th programme); 12.00-1.00 a.m. (short waves).
4th Programme — 292, 407, and 445 M.
3rd :rogramme (short waves) — 16, 19, 31, 33, 41 and 38 M.

GALEI ZAHAL
5.58 a.m. Morning Prayer. 6.05 Morning Tunes. 7.55 Programme Trailer. 8.05 Zahal's Newsreel. 9.05 Requests. 9.55 Hagal Eshed's Corner. 10.05 Warm and Tasty. 10.55 Uri Sela's Corner. 11.05 Warm and Tasty. 11.55 Shlomo Sheva's Corner. 12.05 Zahal's Newsreel. 12.25 Midday Star. 12.55 "Stars and Stripes." 1.05 "Tango Tunes." 1.55 Announcements. 2.05 "Two till Four." 4.05 "Love with Everything." 5.05 Zahal's Newsreels. 5.40 "This Man is Dangerous." 5.55 Programme Trailer. 6.05 A programme in memory of Meir Margalit. 7.05 "Radiosport." 9.05 "The Israeli and the Psychiatric Treatment." 10.05 By Request. 11.05 "On the Line." 11.53 Midnight Talk. 12.05 Night Birds." 2.05 Light Music. 3.05-6.00 Tunes in the night.

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Work accidents disable 100,000 each year

SAFETY HITS HOME

By AARON SITTNER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

NOTHING MAKES for duller reading than safety precautions — at school or at work — until the subject hits home.

Consider this: in the first three months of the current school year no less than 2,500 primary and secondary school pupils were injured in school or on their way to or from school. Three children died in accidents during those three months, compared with six during the preceding 12 months.

Or consider this: in an "average" year, between 100 and 200 Israelis are killed on the job and on their way to and from work. Hundreds more are very seriously injured. And the latter figure does not include the scores who, while earning their livelihood, contract disabling occupational diseases such as lead or asbestos poisoning, lung complications resulting from excessive dust and chip inhalation, deafness and a row of 35 other maladies you can pick up in the factory.

"Work accidents don't just happen," Naftali Amidan, director of the Institute of Safety and Hygiene, told *The Jerusalem Post* recently. "They are caused—not necessarily by the worker himself, but they are caused."

The sheer number of work accidents is staggering when you consider the relatively small size of the country's industrial base, and the high ratio of service to industrial enterprises.

Work accidents are now occurring at the rate of about 100,000 a year. About 300 workers are so seriously disabled that they must be completely re-trained for a new job. The "lucky" ones—about 5,000 annually—can return to some form of gainful employment, thanks to the fact that there are jobs which can be filled by people with one eye, one arm, one leg....

On a non-personal level, these accidents cost the nation some five million workdays a year.

In a Tel Aviv schoolyard recently, children spent their recess period playing "hit the bulls-eye." An empty bottle was propped up on the top step of a staircase, and the players took turns at trying to strike the bottle with rocks from a distance of 10 metres.

The first player hit the bulls-eye, all right. But at that very moment a girl came walking out of the school building, and a few slivers of glass lodged in her eye. She was rushed to hospital, where surgeons had to work hours and days removing the glass bits, and treating the cornea. The result: she lost 43 days' schooling as a result of improper schoolyard supervision.

To an observer, the 20-year-old, non-profit Institute of Safety and Hygiene appears to be one of Israel's more efficient semi-public organizations. Its staff of 100—most of them graduate mechanical engineers—are always engaged either in safety instruction or spot checks of plants and schools. About 25 of the engineers spend all their time at schools, searching out possible danger spots.

"Personal involvement is more important than listening to lectures about safety," says Mr. Amidan. "Direct motivation is more effective than learning about something that could happen to you. So, we have tried—and succeeded—in setting up employee safety committees in nearly all plants. The law now requires such a unit in every industrial plant employing more than 25 workers, and we hope to have the requirement eventually cover stores as well. "These committees are quite effective. Our own research suggests that in places where safety committees are active, the accident rate is 25 to 30 per cent lower than elsewhere."

In schools, involvement is promoted by safety contests sponsored by the institute, with valuable prizes awarded to the best essays or ideas. Whether a pupil wins or loses, he still goes away with an extra measure of safety awareness in his consciousness.

Human nature being what is is, safety precautions often take second place to convenience. A worker in a metal forge will certainly feel more comfortable in a pair of suede loafers than in rigid steel-toe-plated shoes. If he is lucky, he can avoid the safety shoes for years and be comfortable, at the price of safety.

Mr. Amidan claims that, indirectly, Government is partly to blame for the high accident rate. He points a finger at the Government agency that funds the larger part of the institute's activities—the National Insurance Institute.

Says Mr. Amidan: "Strange as it may sound, it can 'pay' for a worker to be safety-lax. After all, National Insurance picks up an injured worker's wage bill a few days after the accident, and its payments are tax-free. Almost every large industrial firm also carries income-protection insurance for its workers.

The result is that a worker absent from his job on account of a work-related mishap actually ends up with 160 per cent of his regular net wages. *This is not bad.*"

Statistics gleaned from official safety publications of other countries and the International Labour Organization put Israel's record midpoint between the world's best and worst vis-a-vis job safety. "We rank ahead of Italy, but behind Britain and Holland," says Mr. Amidan.

Among the special features of Israel's situation is the large number — approximately 70,000 — Arab workers from the administered areas who are employed on this side of the green line. These workers pay less attention to safety precautions, and their accident rate is proportionately higher.

Another factor is just plain suitability of a particular worker for a particular job. Here, the large numbers of new immigrants retrained and placed in an unfamiliar work environment raise a problem. "Enjoying a certain kind of job is not enough," Mr. Amidan notes. "You must also be suited for it. For example, a man may find he likes to paint buildings. But if he gets dizzy high up on a ladder, what's the use?"

In general, Israeli woman workers are more safety conscious than their male co-workers — "because they take fewer chances." Among men, age seems to be a rather important factor.

A high incidence of accidents is noted among men up to 35 years old. Between 35 and 50, they become more aware of dangers around them. Once they reach 50, they have become so self-confident, that more and more of them fall victim to accidents out of sheer carelessness. Then, when they pass 60, their minds turn to plans for the golden years of retirement, and they suddenly become very safety conscious.

WALL STREET

CREDIT CUT SPURS RALLY

NEW YORK (AP). — Prices on the New York stock market returned to an upward course this week, with the help of declining lending rates and hopes for agreement soon in Washington on effective Government anti-recession strategy.

The Dow Jones Average of thirty *industrial stocks rose 21.98 points* to 666.61. This was the highest Friday close since last November 11, when the finish was 672.64.

Standard and Poor's 500-stock index rose 2.02 to 72.98, and the New York Stock Exchange's composite index was up .98 at 38.84.

The over-all count on the Big Board showed 1,268 gainers against only 492 losers among the 1,997 issues traded.

The market had its best day of the week on Friday, with the Dow gaining nearly 10 points as numerous banks across the country posted cuts in most cases to 9½ per cent in their prime lending rates.

NYSE volume averaged 16.44 million shares a day during the week, down slightly from 16.87 million the week before. Thirty Big Board issues hit new 1974-75 highs, against 12 new lows.

S.S. Kresge, the week's most active issue, was down ¾ at 23⅛.

Consolidated Oil and Gas, the American Stock Exchange volume leader, rose 2¼ to 9⅜.

The Amex Market Value Index added 3.24 to 71.05.

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Insurance firms must pay hospitals for treating road accident victims

In the Supreme Court Sitting as Court of Civil Appeals
Before Justices Berinson, Witkon and Kister

Israel Union of Insurance Companies, Appellants, v. State of Israel, Respondent (C.A. 294-74).

The Jerusalem Post LAW REPORT
Edited by Doris Lankin

Insurer has absolute liability to recompense hospital for expenses incurred in accident cases

The Supreme Court dismissed an appeal against a judgment of the Haifa District Court delivered on April 21, 1974 (in C.C. 1530-73).

Under an agreement between the Government and the Union of Insurance Companies the latter are obliged to indemnify the Government for a certain percentage of the hospital expenses incurred in treating accident victims in the event that a court finds the Government entitled thereto.

In the case under consideration the Haifa District Court decided that the Government was entitled to be indemnified irrespective of whether the owner of the vehicle which had caused the accident had been negligent or not and the Union of Insurance Companies appealed against this decision. The issue centres on the question of whether section 28 of the Motor Vehicles Insurance (Third Party Risks) Ordinance (New Version) imposes absolute liability on the insurance companies to indemnify the hospitals for the reasonable expenses incurred by them in treating accident cases or whether the hospitals' right to recover is contingent upon the liability in tort of the wrongdoer towards the accident victim. The State argued in favour of the first alternative, whereas the appellants pressed the second alternative.

The relevant part of section 23 provides that: "(a) Where a liability requiring insurance is covered by insurance... and the person who has died or been injured has, to the knowledge of the insurer, received treatment at a hospital in respect of the injury caused to him, the insurer shall pay to that hospital the expenses reasonably incurred by it in giving such treatment: Provided that the amount to be paid by the insurer shall not exceed the expenses incurred by the hospital in respect of that person as an in-patient for 180 days or as an out-patient for one year..."

This section replaces section 8 (1) of the Ordinance (enacted by the Mandatory legislator), which stated that: "Where any payment is made (whether or not with an admission of liability) by an insurer under or in consequence of a policy issued under this Ordinance... in respect of the death of, or bodily injury to, any person arising out of the use of the motor vehicle on a public road and the person who has died or been bodily injured has to the knowledge of the insurer received treatment at a hospital... there shall also be paid by the insurer... the expenses reasonably incurred by the hospital... provided that the amount to be paid by the insurer... shall not exceed 50 pounds for each person so treated as an in-patient or five pounds for each person as an out-patient."

Dr. R. Abraham appeared for the appellants and Miss E. Raab, Assistant State Attorney, for the State.

Judgment

Justice Witkon, who delivered the main opinion of the Supreme Court, noted that although the issue in the present case had been dealt with extensively in legal literature, this was the first time it had come before the Supreme Court. He then went on to discuss the meaning of section 28(a), pointing out that there was no doubt whatsoever that there was nothing in its wording which tied a hospital's right of recovery from the insurer to liability of the insured towards the injured person. On the contrary, he noted, all that is demanded by this section is that the insured person carry either compulsory or voluntary insurance issued by the insurer and that the dead or injured person have received hospital treatment to the knowledge of the insurer. The appellants' counsel had argued, however, he continued, that section 28 should be interpreted in the spirit and not in the letter and that as the changes which it introduced were of a technical nature only and did not affect the principles behind it therefore just as section 8 of the Mandatory Ordinance, which it had replaced, made the liability of the insurer towards a hospital contingent upon the liability of the insured, so should it be deemed to do so, relying for this argument on several legal treatises (see, inter alia, Dr. Sasson in Israel Law Review, 1968, vol. 3, p. 458). However, held Justice Witkon, both the appellants' counsel and the authors of the legal treatises had based their opinions on a false premise: that is, that section 8 of the Mandatory law makes a hospital's right of recovery from the insurer contingent upon the liability in tort of the insured. For a study of section 8 shows that it does not in fact lay down any such condition. Furthermore, he continued, from the point of view of legislative policy it is clear that the Mandatory legislator had intended deviating from the general principle of "fault" inherent in the Ordinance itself in order to make it easier for the hospitals, which do not operate on a profit-making basis and are generally hard-pressed financially, to recover some of their expenses directly from the insurance companies, which compensated the injured without a thought for the burden borne by the hospitals. In so far as this legislative purpose was concerned, he continued, it was obviously immaterial whether the insured person was liable or not, particularly since the sums payable to the hospitals under the mandatory law were very small and could cause no hardship to the insurers.

He could see no reason, held Justice Witkon, why, if the liability of the insurer were not made contingent upon the liability of the insured in the Mandatory law, the position should be different today, in view of the fact that the changes introduced into that law had no connection with the legislative policy behind it. This means, he concluded, that the liability of the insurer towards the hospitals remains an absolute one, although today, in contradistinction to the times of the Mandate, the sums involved are appreciable. For there is no justification for deciding that the absolute liability of the Mandatory law has been replaced by a contingent liability only because the amount payable to the hospitals by the insurance companies has been considerably increased.

The appeal should, therefore, be dismissed.

Justice Kister

In concurring with Justice Witkon, Justice Kister said that he was of the opinion that a law should be interpreted in accordance with the ordinary, everyday meaning of its terminology, unless there were very weighty reasons to the contrary. In the case under consideration, he held, he could see no just cause for giving anything but a literal interpretation to section 28 (a) of the Ordinance. For in its original form the Ordinance, as enacted by the Mandatory government, was not based solely and purely on principles of tort. On the contrary, the provision providing for the recovery of expenses by hospitals made the insurer liable for such expenses even if the injured person were given an *ex gratia* payment, without having any legal claims against anyone. The motive of the legislature, he continued, had been to enable hospitals, which are public or voluntary institutions operated on a non-profit-making basis, to get some recompense from the insurance companies without being put to the trouble of proving that someone had been at fault.

If, therefore, the Israel legislature had seen fit, continued Justice Kister, to increase notably the amounts which hospitals are entitled to receive from the insurance companies this did not signify that they had intended changing the absolute liability of the insurance companies for a contingent liability, which the hospitals would have to prove by lengthy and expensive litigation.

In short, he concluded, the principle of absolute liability towards the hospitals still remains intact and the appeal should be dismissed.

Justice Berinson concurred with his colleagues.

Appeal dismissed without costs.

Judgment given on December 18, 1974.

Electronic centre for Haifa police

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — A IL2m. radio-telephone electronic control centre, constructed mainly by the Haifa District Police's own communications and electronic division, opened Monday at district headquarters.

According to Nitzav-Mishne Mordechai Ron, the local police commander, the control panel "takes us from the 1950s into the 1980s at one stroke." The panel, manned by six policemen and women, makes it easier for residents to reach the police, and gives the police minute-by-minute control over all of its units.

The panel is to be connected within a month to the central police computer at National Headquarters.

The control room is air-conditioned and fitted with sound absorbing tiles. Every conversation is recorded for later use if necessary.

Northern District Commander, Nitzav Shimshon Eshed and senior police officers attended Monday's opening ceremony.

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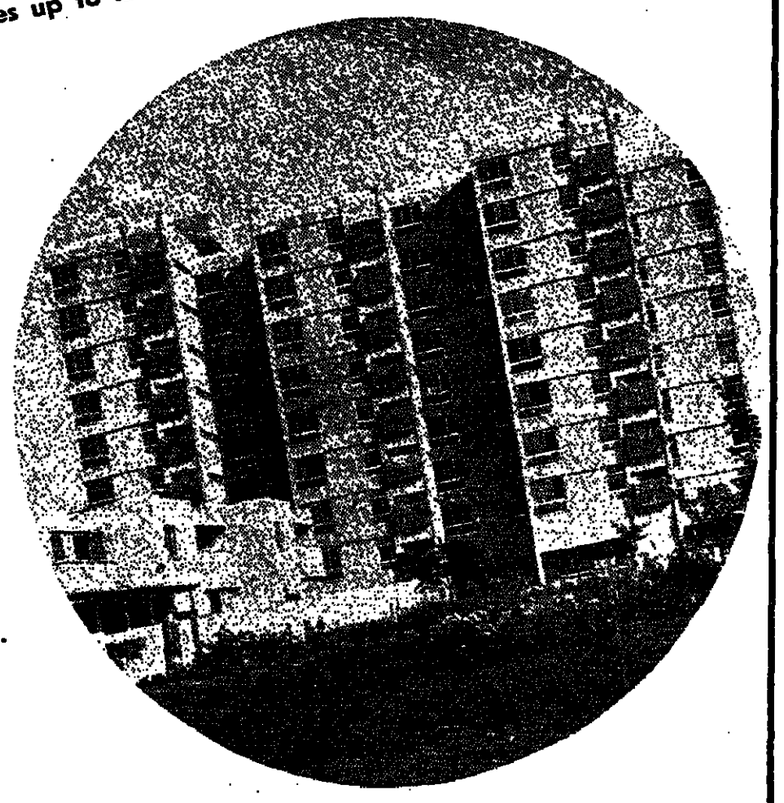

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Steps to an unknown goal

DEFENCE MINISTER SHIMON Peres has been saying with increasing clarity and emphasis, most recently in "a German paper," that Israel cannot agree to substantial withdrawals in Sinai if there is to be no Egyptian response. There can be a token move, but not the evacuation of the two strategic mountain passes and the Abu Rodeis oil fields as a totally one-sided act.

A step so serious and possibly dangerous as the opening of the two main passes through the Sinai mountains to Egyptian forces can only be taken for sufficient reason. A clear, unequivocal, public step in the direction of peace by President Sadat might be such a reason. It is possible to construct a situation in which the move would be reasonable because it leads towards some desired goal — that is that we had our own reasons for leaving the area. Several years ago we made a number of proposals offering withdrawal from the Canal on condition it was reopened within a reasonable time and the Canal-side towns rebuilt, because it was felt that such a development would in itself be the most promising guarantee of peace. The area Sadat would have recovered would have been larger than any he could expect to gain in war.

But there is no clear picture here of the final agreement to which the present second stage is to lead — unless we are to take Sadat at his word, that it is to include withdrawal from all occupied areas, apparently including Jerusalem, and the unspecified "rights of the Palestinians," which can mean almost anything, including the dismantling of the State of Israel. Washington has not been forthcoming about its own idea of the final stage, but the hints are not encouraging. Who will embark upon such fateful steps towards an unknown goal?

There is a second mechanism at work. Probably no state in the Middle East, including Syria, now desires war, because a high degree of military stalemate has been achieved. The U.S. is obviously, and publicly, anxious to forestall another war because it fears a worsening of the oil crisis. There have been clear warnings to all sides — as from Senator Percy, for instance — that whichever side starts a war will lose American sympathy.

The real danger is that Sadat's loud threats of war if all his conditions are not met within three months, or whatever way he puts it on any particular day, will prove frightening in Washington. The only one who can prevent the explosion, Sadat has told the U.S., is Dr. Kissinger, by pressuring Israel to comply. Otherwise, there will be war.

We are very close to a position where, by Egyptian-American cooperation, failure to accept Sadat's terms can be translated as having caused, by not preventing, this war. This fallacy is too obvious and too simple to be accepted.

Information course evades major problems

Training activists to confront lies

In the wake of recent calls for more *effective* information campaigns abroad, the World Zionist Organization and Haifa University are now jointly sponsoring the Israel Information Project — courses designed to train Jewish activists from abroad to assume leadership of such a campaign. SIMSON CARLEBACH, an observer, comments.

A BEAUTIFUL COURSE, this. Stimulating lectures, unspared facilities, eager participants, and responsible organizers. From programme to programme you can hardly hear the gears change, and no precious time — so much to cover in just three weeks — is wasted. As the pilot project for what Director of Information of the World Zionist Organization Moshe Gilboa hopes will become a permanent institute, there's not a cough in the proceedings nor a smudge on the page to mar future prospects. Obviously it's been well thought-out, and as a result of the professional care, running at full speed.

In an interview with Moshe Gilboa a day before the opening, he set out the considerations which determined the contents of the programme.

"There is an urgent need to intensify and update the knowledge of potential leaders in the sphere of information abroad. Information has become a highly scientific and highly modernized challenge. It has become a profession." Denying that the course is merely a reaction against recent Arab successes in this field — it was conceived last July — Gilboa stressed "the need to re-equip yourself with the knowledge that leads to confidence. This is a constant need which exists without political pressures."

Thus the course was initiated with considerable foresight; the current priority of Jewish communities abroad is for trained activists to deal with vociferous Arab agitators and wavering international support.

Notwithstanding commendable intents and purposes, this course must be evaluated with regard to how successfully it can help to stay the alarming growth of international dissatisfaction with Israel. True, this dissatisfaction on the upper levels is little more than thinly disguised self-interest, oil interest, and should be treated as such; nevertheless the same cannot be said of criticisms levelled by students and rank-and-fire "intellectuals." Since the participants in the course are almost exclusively academics — student activists and professors here in Israel on sabbatical leave — the prime function that must be assumed is to combat the antagonistic dissidence within their own province.

The present programme sadly lacks even the basic requirements for such an undertaking. It may be pardonable to shelter beneath the wings of the justification for the existence of the State and continual Arab provocation, but the truth is that this is hardly under serious question. Fifteen such lectures in a three-week period — one typical example is: historical attachment of the Jewish people to the Land of Israel and continuity of Jewish presence there — is about 10 such lectures too many; in any case, courses in Zionism and Jewish history have multiplied and are readily available elsewhere. It should be obvious by now that the confrontations the participants will endure on their return will have little to do with the War of Independence.

A graver shortcoming yet is the total dominance of the Establishment viewpoint: both politically and intellectually. Not that this reflection of majority opinion is not extreme enough; certainly, a reason for the lessening of sympathy with Israel is her official policy. But to think that this sympathy can be regained by a blitzkrieg of trained government spokesmen adept at projecting Israel's point of view is both naive and wishful thinking. Would that the task were so easy! Our critics believe themselves fully aware of Israel's point of view. They are not in a receptive mood; and to be reminded, for instance, of Israel's unique role in the Middle East and of her sovereign rights, rightly or wrongly only exacerbates their reluctance to pay attention.

It is the Palestinian voice to which these hostile censures are paying attention, and the criticism that is getting through to them is a long list of misdemeanours calculated to feed the fires of antagonism. They are hearing of Ikrit and Biram and Kafr Kassem. They are hearing of the destruction of Kuneitra and the alleged ill-treatment of Arab prisoners in Israeli jails. They hear the names and views of Shoufani and Shahak and Pa'il. And then, and only then, do they see pictures of Palestinian refugee camps displayed in contrast to the Israeli household with its refrigerators and blending-machines and the finagling of tax returns. All this is carefully designed by established public relations firms; which provide the cover under which professional agitators feel free to redescribe terrorism as "liberation." This is what the participants of the first Israeli Information Project have to do battle with, and only a course capable of putting these things *in perspective*, will have the participants fittingly equipped.

Unfortunately, the course seems designed to shy away from such confrontation. Of all the Arabs under Israeli administration, it is the Druse whom the participants will meet. The participants will not meet the protagonists of minority opinion. Nor will they meet the Gush Emunim. Yet their task is to make *all* of Israel credible. Without making available to them, at *first-hand*, the rationale underlying these views—even if they do not represent the government — can we realistically hope for them to succeed in countering Arab invective?

It's a bitter pill to swallow. Hasbara and Operation Truth will have to cover more than we currently wish to put forward; surely more than what we would like to think of as the relevant truth. Nevertheless, this is no cause for pessimism. Sympathies, especially "intellectual" ones, are notoriously fickle. If we want our share, instead of crying out for it (which it seems this course is advocating, implying that we haven't screamed loud enough to be heard) we must first construct the right platform from which to receive it. In so doing, we might find that we need not wait in the crooked line. Given the opportunity to equip themselves with *all* the facts, the participants of this course along with the many that will follow should, with the properly guided effort, readily straighten the perspective.

If these criticisms seem harsh, they should be interpreted in the light of the importance of the information project itself. As far as it goes, the course is one of the best courses of its kind, almost unique; the participants know this and are taking full advantage of it. Everyone concerned is to be congratulated. And this writer failed to mention many the worthwhile aspects, such as the study tours and the emphasis on communication and the media, it is only because he fears that the participants will return to their countries happier and more confident, only to discover that the professional baggage they carry with them weighs less on arrival than it appeared to be on departure from Israel.

Dry Bones

ISRAEL PRESS

Visit of U.S. senators

DAVAR (Histadrut) discusses the visit to Israel of a delegation of the U.S. Senate Appropriations Committee to investigate whether American aid is being exploited efficiently: "It is commonly accepted by Washington that Israel is a country which knows how to properly exploit the aid given it for economic development and military strengthening... The trouble is, however, that there is now a general American weariness over continuation of foreign aid. This is a result of the inflation, unemployment and the energy crisis now attending that great power, under the circumstances... Israel should not regard foreign aid as a self-perpetuating tradition, and it is necessary to stress anew the importance of American support for the survival of a strong Israel capable of defending itself against military aggression."

HAMODIA (Agudat Yisrael), discussing Geneva and Kissinger, refers to Prime Minister Rabin's response to the latest declarations by President Sadat. "The significance of his response lies in Israel's having made it clear that it has nothing to fear from the Geneva conference, nor is it trying to avoid it. The impression is that Rabin was trying to obviate Kissinger's threat that if Israel does not accept Sadat's dictates it will have an even tougher time at Geneva. Rabin may have figured that if Kissinger's mediation is in the nature of dictates and force, it is no better than the Geneva conference."

READERS' LETTERS

DATELINE JERUSALEM

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — On a recent trip abroad, it was striking to the point of embarrassment that Israel is the only state in the world from which news items to the media are not datelined from its capital city.

Isn't it high time that the Government Press Office be moved to Jerusalem so that our capital's name automatically becomes the heading? The subliminally effective propaganda value of the repeated association of the name "Jerusalem" with news of the State of Israel would far outweigh any annoyance this move might cause the few embassies that choose to have their headquarters in Tel Aviv and to those members of the press corps who happen to live there.

Grass root Israelis take proper pride in the fact that Jerusalem is the capital of our state. Why should we hesitate to make this known to the world?

K. SONNEBORN FALK

Jerusalem, January 12.

The Government Press Office replies:

1) The head office of the Government Press Office is located in Jerusalem.

2) Datelines of stories generally indicate where the events reported take place, rather than where they are written.

3) The Government Press Office maintains an additional office in Tel Aviv, because a considerable number of foreign correspondents are based there and all Israeli newspapers, apart from *The Jerusalem Post* and "Hamodia," are published there.

4) All releases by the Government Press Office bear the Jerusalem dateline.

5) We make it a point to hold press conferences for foreign correspondents in Jerusalem.

DAVID LANDOR
Director

Jerusalem, January 17.

In defence of abortion

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — I was quite astonished to read that the Israeli Family Planning Association attacked legalized abortion. It has never been demonstrated that the availability of abortion acts as a substitute for contraception. In fact, since the legalization of abortion in the U.S., contraception has become available to many women after they have undergone an initial abortion. Repeated abortions are the exception rather than the rule. Nobody advocates that abortion replace contraception.

And where does Professor Halbrecht get the information that abortions are usually regretted? Extensive studies here indicated that abortions do not produce psychological after-effects and that, in fact, most women feel enormous relief after undergoing the procedure.

The suction aspiration method of abortion used in the first trimester of pregnancy is an extremely safe medical procedure when done by a competent physician. The incidence of sterility, miscarriages and premature births has not been demonstrated with less than three abortions. And, in fact, these occur not only with repeated abortions (the literature usually defines repeated as three or more), but also with repeated pregnancies, whether they terminate in abortion or are carried through to delivery.

JACQUELINE BROWNSTEIN
Currently on leave as Education Co-ordinator, Ulster County (N.Y. State)
Planned Parenthood

Jerusalem, January 19.

Restaurant and VAT

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — Your report of January 21 that exemption from VAT had been demanded by the Ministry of Tourism for the hotels, rekindled my love for this particular branch of our Government.

This discriminatory policy against restaurants has been constant and steadfast throughout the years. VAT or no VAT will not add or substract a single tourist from our statistics. Whenever you pay a hotel bill in most European tourist countries, their particular VAT has been added or is included. Exempting hotels will mean that a meal at the basic price of IL50 will cost IL57.50 in a hotel while in a restaurant it will cost IL68.75 (if VAT is 10 per cent).

In the past, tourists would show me brochures of the Ministry of Tourism which expressly stated that tourists were exempt from the welfare tax. Then they called me a thief and a robber because I had to add it to the bill. I hate to think of the names they are going to call me, when I start charging them for two taxes from which they are supposed to be exempt.

THEO J. KASSEL
The Balfour Cellar

Haifa, January 21.

PENFRIENDS

ALOYSIUS ABLA (26), of 23 Spadare Street, Zabbar, Malta, is a university student who would like to have Israeli penfriends.

SUKRU BOGUT of Guvenlik Cadd. No. 32-7, Asagi ayranci, Ankara, Turkey would like to correspondend with Israelis in order to exchange stamps.

Watchdog or pussycat

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — Allow me to comment on David Krivine's interesting and extensive case study "Watchdog or pussycat" (January 17).

It should be pointed out, however, that Somekh, Chaikin, Citron and Co. not only drew the reader's attention to the insufficient provisions as explained in the notes to the financial statements of the Israel Electric Corporation, but they also stated in their report that, in their opinion, these statements give a true and fair picture *subject to the above-mentioned* qualifications (in professional language: a qualified opinion).

It is my contention that a "negative" report is called for in those cases where the qualifications are so material as to make the financial *statements, in the whole, untrue and* misleading, and, consequently, that the auditors should have stated in their report that the statements do not give a true and fair picture of the company's financial condition and the results of its operations.

ELCHANAN SCHLESSINGER
Senior Accountant,
The Securities Authority

Jerusalem, January 17.

Due credit for excavations

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — I refer to Sylvia Mann's article on Herodium (January 10). No mention was made of the valuable work done at the summit between 1962 and 1967 by the archaeologist Father Virgilio Corbo, with the financial and logistical assistance of the Custodian of the Holy Land, with the financial aid of the Italian Government and the required permits of the Jordanian Government. We do not deny the fact that the excavations were continued on the slope and at the foot of the mount by the Israeli Administration after 1967; on the contrary the work was most praiseworthy, but we ask that everybody be given due credit.

FATHER CLAUDIO BARATTO
Editor, "La Terra Santa"

Jerusalem, January 13.

Moked's protest

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — In your report of Moked's protest against the President's attendance at Herut's opening session near Hebron, of all places (January 13), you describe Mr. Raul Teitelbaum as a Communist member of our Central Committee.

This statement is, at most, half of the truth. The full truth is that Raul Teitelbaum has belonged to the Sneh Communists who have returned to one of the main Zionist principles, i.e. the recognition of the mutual dependency between the land of Israel and the Jewish people wherever they live. Such a claim has never been made by Rakah, the other — and bigger — Communist party whose members are mostly Arabs. This is not a difference in degree, but in kind.

ARIEH BENST SIMON

Jerusalem, January 15.

AROUND TOWN — SRAYA SHAPIRA

Police try to leash T.A.'s mad drivers

PLAN YOUR TRAFFIC arrangements with the utmost imagination and logic — they will only end in a maze unless the police keep an eye open.

The police are represented on a committee which is currently stretching imagination and logic to the utmost to keep the heart of Tel Aviv open to traffic. "And we shall try our best to find a working arrangement," says Sgan-Nitzav Benyamin Barlay, head of the Traffic Branch of the Tel Aviv Police District. But he knows the limitations.

There is no special traffic police in Tel Aviv. Constables are detailed to direct cars when the need arises —and when they are free of other urgent duties. The Tel Aviv District is short of a thousand men, as has been stated on many other occasions. The streets are narrow. But in Nahlat Benyamin, 19,000 vehicles pass per day. There are no parking places and people drive like mad.

And a hundred new cars daily join the moving flow.

"It is the same as people who have a lot a children without asking themselves who would feed and educate them. Ultimately, everybody turns to the police." Considering the natural limitations of police supervision, the accident rate here is comparatively low, in spite of being so high.

Bearing all the limitations in mind, the police force does a tremendous job, Sgan-Nitzav Barlay claims. It sends scouter patrols along the main streets to keep an eye on undisciplined drivers. It sends policemen, "but mainly policewomen," to keep the major thoroughfares clear at peak hours. People, however, are prone to disregard warnings. Forty thousand tickets were issued last year to vehicles parked in prohibited areas. One only has to drive down Allenby Road on an afternoon to see how many drivers are lacking in all consideration for their fellows.

The orange-uniformed "security patrols," made up of 200 university students, help a lot. But the Tel Aviv Police is going to change the terms of reference. As in Haifa, students will be sworn-in for part-time general police duty.

What is the sense, we asked, in ticketing cars which find a temporary refuge on the pavement in a quiet street? Isn't it a fact that since parking space is scarce, the effort in issuing tickets would be put to better use in keeping the traffic flowing on the thoroughfares? "The local resident" was the quiet answer. People complain that they cannot move out of their houses, that a mother cannot take her child's pram out, that parking will shortly be permitted on wide pavements, which will be specially marked," Sgan-Nitzav Barlay promised.

Where the urban infrastructure does not correspond to the needs of modern living, a continued war between motorists, pedestrians and the police is inevitable.

And there can be no total victory for any of the antagonists.

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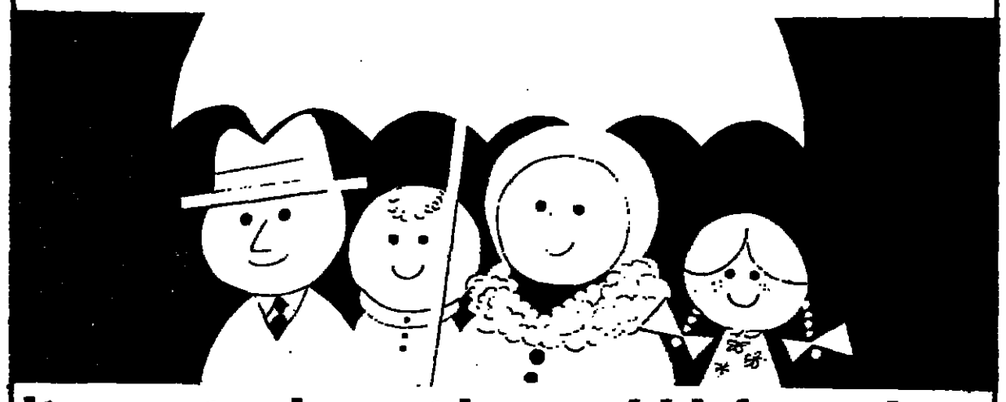

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